

**Parameters:**

B 3900 is located on the western slope directly west of B 3000, and directly east of B 3200 and B 3600. The upper most loci were excavated as part of trench B 3000, for it was initially part of an extension of B 3000, then was later isolated due to architectural distinction - namely wall B 3051, which serves as a division between the two trenches.

The excavation of B 3900 was conducted between the dates of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of July, and employed the use of the benchmark R 28 (346.372m).

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**Progress of Excavation:**

The excavation of B 3900 was executed using 18 separate loci. **B 3901** denotes the loose, rocky modern terrace fill located beneath locus B 3048 (see B 3000 report for further definition). Dug in one pass, this locus contains three pails, **B 3901.1-3**, due to the large amount of pottery uncovered throughout the pass. **B 3901.1** denotes the western portion of the pass, while **B 3901.2** and **3** denote the south eastern and north eastern portions, respectively. As the pass continues to the east, a step up has to be taken so as to not undermine wall B 3051. Pottery and bones counts, as well as the incidence of burnt material increases as we head east towards wall B 3051. A possible stone tool is found: **object #1** (B 3901.2). It is with the completion of this pass that wall B 3910 is first noted, dividing the trench into two separate rooms.

Excavation of the north east room begins with **B 3902**. This locus denotes the rocky tumble matrix with dark soil and patches of black soil located in close proximity to wall B 3051 that is located to the north east of the wall (later dubbed B 3910) found in the previous pass. Pail **B 3902.1** covers the northwestern most section of the pass. **B 3902.2**, dug the following day, contains less stone tumble than the previous pail and uncovers a continuation of wall B 3050 from trench B 3000.

The next locus taken in this north eastern room defined by walls B 3051, B 3910, and B 3904 is B 3906. This locus denotes a pottery and bone rich deposit composed of a dark brown/black soil matrix filled with small stones. With the removal of pails **B 3906.1** and **2**, excavated in respective order, a doorway is defined in the wall B 3904 to the north. **B 3906.3** denotes a wall cleaning operating in the south east corner. The following five pails, **B 3906.4-7**, are dug in attempts to find a surface associated with the surrounding architecture. With the removal of these passes, three, and possibly four, steps are found with in the doorway leading into the room. **B 3906.7** reveals a clay surface associated with the surface found in B 3000 with the removal of pail B 3066.2. A number

of objects are found within this matrix: two iron nails (**object #1** and **#2**, B 3906.1), a stone object (**object #3**, B3906.2), two stones tools (**object #4**, B3906.2; **object #5**, B 3906.4), a possible geometric weight (**object #6**, B 3906.4), a ceramic bead or whorl (**object #7**, B 3906.5), and a piece of iron (**object #8**, B 3906.6).

The next locus within the north east room is **B 3911**, which denotes the clay surface contemporaneous to locus B 3067 in trench B 3000, and associated with the stairs in the doorway. This locus is taken as a sounding in search of the foundation of wall B 3904. Two pails are taken, **B 3911.1** and **2**, respectively, in order to remove the clay surface in hopes of dating the above deposit.

**B 3915** denotes the packing material beneath the clay surface in the north east room. Found just beneath the surface at the foot of the stairs in the north west corner is a concentration of animal bones. None appear to be articulated and according to Lynn there appears to be several different species represented. This may indicate a single dumping episode. With this pass we appear to have found the bottom of wall B 3051, thus a locus change will occur, though the matrix is the same.

**B 3917** denotes of the same matrix as above, yet appears to pass beneath wall B 3051. Pails **B 3917.1** and **2** represent the same pass, with the second pail denoting a single screened zembili that was left until the next day to be screened due to a lack of time. **B 3917.3** denotes the next pass, and reveals a yellow clay surface in the southern half of the sounding, and red, rocky material in the north. This surface, though poorly preserved, may be contemporaneous to B 3067 exposed in trench B 3000, and associated with the earliest phase of wall B 3904.

**B 3918** denotes a final pass taken in the northeast room to remove the red, rocky wall foundation material in the north in order to obtain a definitive bottom of wall B 3904. Very few finds are found, soil is almost sterile it appears, though the small area may have a biased influence on the numbers.

**B 3904** denotes a continuation of wall B 3050 running east to west across the northern extent of trench B 3900. Measuring 7.2m in length and about .5m in width, B 3904 is composed of worked iron stone and stands 9 courses high at the best preserved height. A doorway measuring about 1.28m wide is located in the eastern portion, with steps leading down into a north east room.

Excavations in the south west room begin with locus **B 3903**. **B 3903** denotes a brown soil matrix filled with tumble located to the south west of wall B 3910. Excavated as a single pass, this locus contains two pails, **B 3903.1** and **2**, due to the amount of pottery recovered. With the removal of this pass, we obtain definition along the northern face of the wall B 3804 to the south. .

Dug in one pail, **B 3905** denotes a stratum of dark brown/black soil containing medium sized stones in the south east corner of the trench in attempts to gain some definition. This locus is comparable in elevation to B 3903, however contains less stone, and is concentrated around the slipped stair case in the corner.

Next in the south west room is **B 3908**, which denotes a gravel laden loose, dark grey soil matrix with some stones. Dug in a single pass, three pails, **B 3908.1-3**, are utilized due to the amount of pottery recovered and a change of date. Along wall B 3904 burnt destruction material is found beneath rock tumble. One object is found, a ceramic loom weight (**object #1**, B 3908.3).

The final locus in this room is **B 3916**. **B 3916** denotes the layer of burnt roofing clay and debris that covers the floor. **B 3916.1** denotes a sounding sunk into the north eastern corner of the room. Another pass is taken in the sounding, **B 3916.2**, in which a floor surface is found. With the floor defined and the large amount of burnt clay, bones and pottery recovered, the decision is made to follow the sounding across the trench as **B 3916.3**. Upon entering the area to the west of wall B 3909, the pail number is changed to **B 3916.4** in order to isolate the western area defined by the architecture. Within this pail is found a small pithos scatter and the majority of an upright vessel, later removed as pails **B 3916.7** and **8** respectively. In addition, a large quern complete with handles is found in the northwest corner, just east of the pithos scatter. This is collected as a object # 5. Pail number **B 3916.5** is given to the area in the south east of the room due to the amount of pottery, and the proximity to both the wall B 3904 and the fallen steps. With the completion of this pass, it is clear that we are still slightly above the floor surface. Thus a final pass is taken to reveal the true surface. **B 3916.6** runs through the main body of the trench, whereas **B 3916.9** covers the area to the west of wall B 3909. A number of objects are found through out this locus: a spindle whorl (**object #1**, B 3916.1), a stone tool (**object #3**, B 3916.3), a stone tool fragment (**object #3**, B 3916.3), a possible burnisher (**object #4**, B 3916.3), a handled quern (**object #5**, B 3916.3), 3 fragments of a stone tool (**object #6**, B 3916.3), two pyramidal ceramic looms weights (**object #7**, B 3916.4; **object #11**, B 3916.9), and three pieces of pumice (**objects #8** and **9**, B 3916.5; **object # 10**, B 3916.9).

- **B 3907** denotes the loose, grey dirt matrix of the modern surface and terrace debris covering the western extent of the trench, west of wall B 3909. This locus was originally intended to be used to define wall B 3909, with **B 3907.1** and **2**, but was later extended when towards the west when it was discovered that wall B 3909 does not stretch the entire length of the trench. Pails **B 3907.3-5** compose the same pass to the west of B 3909 and the south of B 3904, however were separated due to the amount of pottery recovered and a change of date. **B 3907.6** and **7** are dug to the north of wall B 3904 through the same matrix in order to obtain definition. No locus change due to lack of depth and diagnostic context. This locus is very productive concerning objects, most of which were found to the south of wall B 3904: two ceramic loom weights (**object # 1**, B 3907.1; **object #5**, B 3907.3), a stone object (**object #2**, B 3907.1), two stone weights (**object # 3**, B 3907.1; **object # 4**, B 3907.2), a quern (**object #6**, B 3907.3), and two stone tools (**object #7**, B 3907.4; **object #8**, B 3907.7).

**B 3909** denotes a wall running south to north in the south western portion of the south west room. Composed of worked iron stone, it appears to float above the floor surface, and is only 2 courses high. B 3909 is about .6m wide and 1.7m long, leaving room for a large doorway to the north before hitting wall B 3904.

**B 3910** denotes the curved wall running approximately from the north west to the south east which serves to distinguish the north eastern and south western rooms from one another. Made of dolomite stones and standing about 7 courses high, wall **B 3910** lacks a clear north west face, suggesting that perhaps it was used as a bracing wall for material that the north east room was later filled with. **B 3910** appears to be later than both B 3904 and B 3051, both of which it intercepts.

**B 3912** denotes a wall measuring about 2m long and .5m wide which runs on a north/south axis. Though somewhat slipped, **B 3912** appears to be in line with wall B

3914 to the north, and is composed of the same large dolomite boulders. **B 3912** stands only one course high, and is not completely excavated.

**B 3914** denotes a wall in the north western most extent of the trench. Measuring about 2.5m long and .5m wide, **B 3914** runs along a north/south axis, and forms a corner with wall **B 3904**. As previously mentioned it is composed of large dolomite boulders and stands only one course high, much like **B 3912** to the south.

**B 3913** denotes the single pail is taken just to the west of wall **B 3914** in order to define the west face.

### **Conclusions and Discussion:**

With the excavation of **B 3900**, a number of walls were exposed, many of which we yet have a date for as the pottery has yet to be read. However, well defined surfaces and corresponding architecture are present. **B 3900** contains two rooms, divided by a single faced, notably later wall, **B 3910**.

The north east room is triangular, defined by walls **B 3904** in the north, **B 3051** in the east, and **B 3910** in the southwest. A small stair way has been built in the doorway in the north wall, **B 3904**, allowing access to the small area. The depositional level within this room, **B 3906**, contains large amounts of pottery and bone, both burned and unburned though without burnt context, suggests this may have served as some sort of dumping area. A surface is defined at the bottom of this locus that appears to be contemporaneous with the stairs in the north, and also appears to correspond with the surface at the top of **B 3067** in trench **B 3000** to the east. A sounding along wall **B 3904** finds another surface, and the bottom of locus **B 3917**, which may correspond to the surface found in the sounding in trench **B 3000** to the east at the bottom of locus **B 3067**. These surfaces may both be associated with the wall **B 3904** to the north.

The south west room is significantly larger. It is bound by walls **B 3904** to the north, **B 3051** to the east, **B 3804** to the south, and **B 3912** to the west. Just under the modern terrace material lay a rich deposit of burned ceiling debris, with a floor surface immediately beneath. In the south east corner of the room, there appear to be a number of slipped steps leading up to a blocked stair way in the easternmost extent of **B 3804**, and possibly in the south section of **B 3051**. A number of objects were found in the material just above the floor, including a quern measuring about .4m in length, equipped with handles on either end. In close proximity was found a small pithoi scatter, and to the south a partially articulated vessel. A seemingly later construction, **B 3909**, is located in the south west portion of the trench, and appears to float above the floor surface.

A well defined corner is also found to the north west of this room, though the interior area delves under the scarp to the north east.

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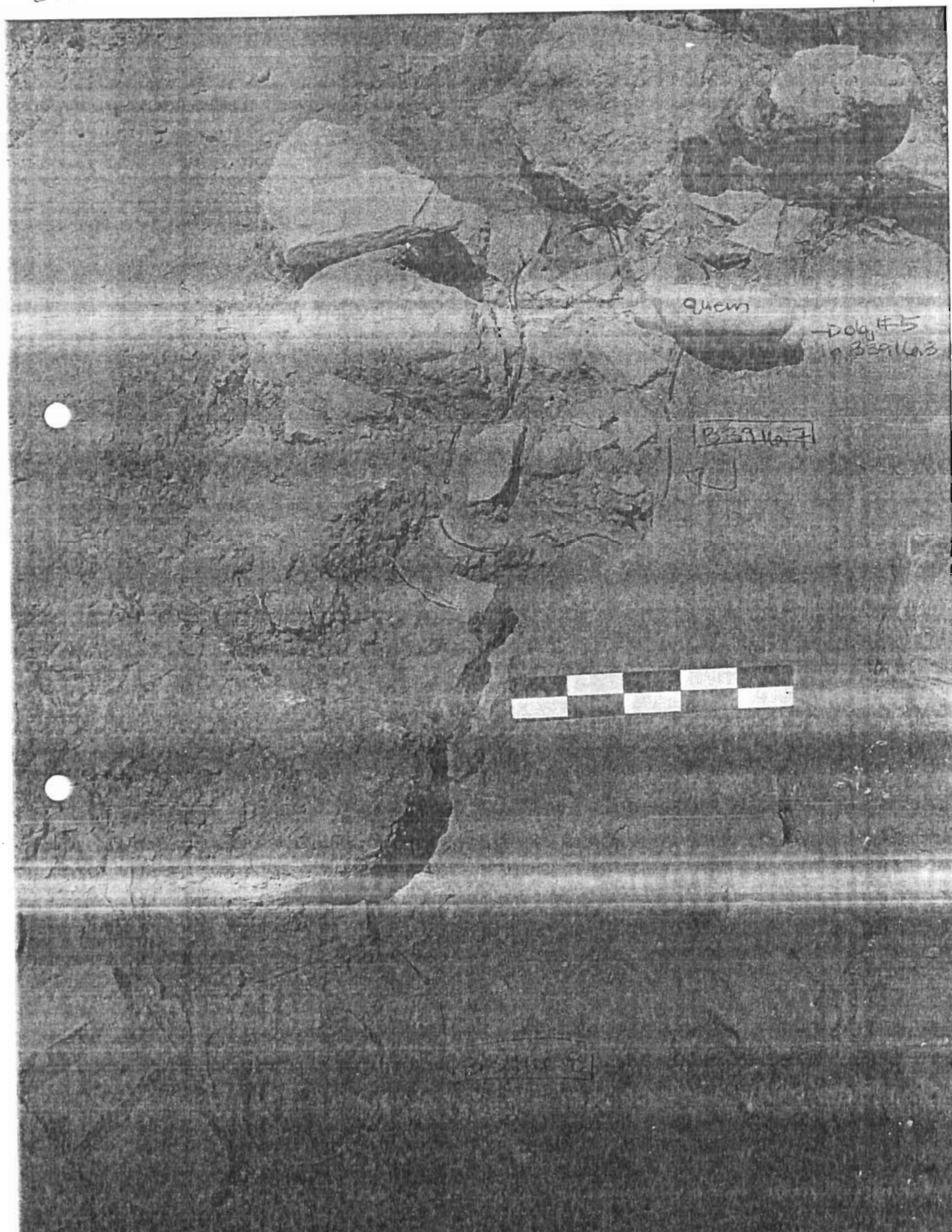
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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B3901 Excavator GUP

## Elevations

Benchmark used: R 28

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 17th July 04 Locus above: B3048

Locus parameters:

Verbal description: "Basa"; terrace wall fill is tumble; rocky & loose, white dirt.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):



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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B3901 Excavator GCP  
 rock tumble

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

17<sup>th</sup> July

**B3901.1** → NEW TRENCH: Trench [B3900] started beneath pails taken as B3048, before trench B3000 was redefined with the clarification of the wall [B3051]. This locus consists of deep rock tumble. 5 random Zembili are screened, 1 std soil sample is taken. Pass done in several pails due to volume of pottery. The std 5 screened Zembili are kept as B3901.1, as well as the std soil sample. As the pass progresses, a step up has to be taken, as the track we were on would have undermined the wall. In the NE corner (see diagram) a patch of burned pottery, olive pits, & soil is found, & a small soil sample (int #1) is taken.

**B3901.2** → new pail for pottery (too much for 1 bag!)

In the same area as the burned material was found, pottery counts are rising, & there is less coarse & more fine wear proportionately.

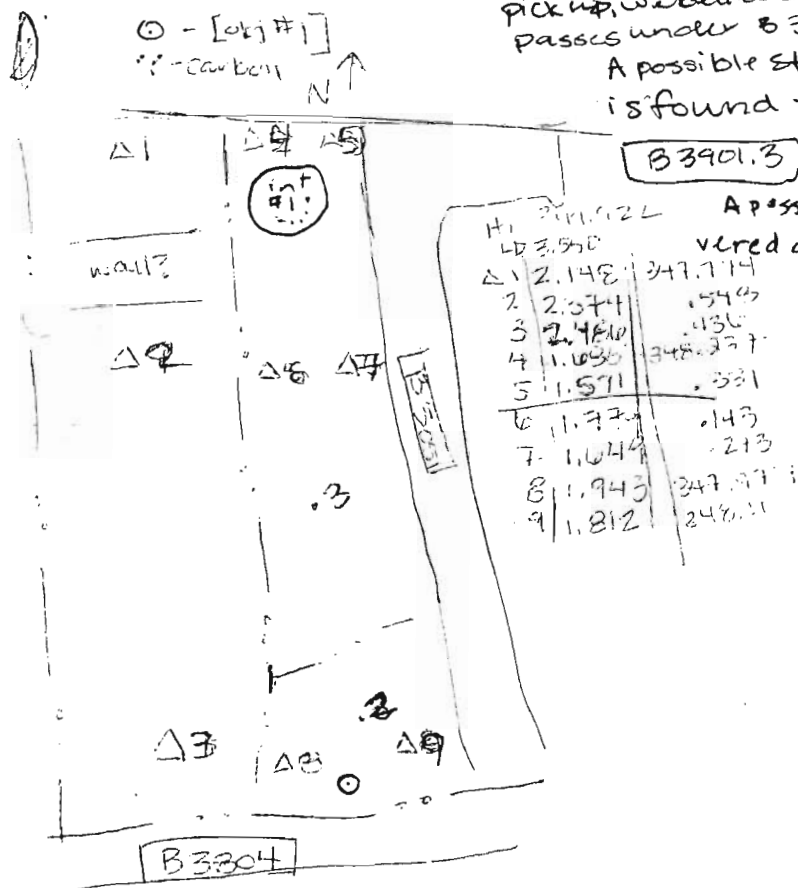
Pumice is found, bagged & tagged

~~Reset~~ Around the west of B3051 (wall), where the pottery counts pick up, we believe it to be the same locus as passes under B3051. → B3054.

A possible stone tool [obj #1] for the locus, is found - broken, but seen in.

**B3901.3** → new pail - too much pottery

A possible crosswall, running EW is uncovered on the NW portion - too early to tell.



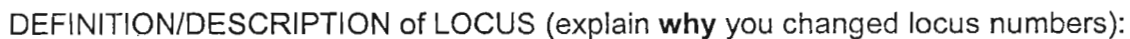
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### Elevations

## Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372m

H.I.:



Locus parameters:

Verbal description: Rocky tumble w/ dark soil matrix (brown) w/ patches of black soil near wall B3051.

**Locus Interpretative Comments** (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

17th July: +uvace FM: +tumble

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3902 Excavator GCP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

17th July

[B 3902.1] → Pass taken through area to the north of the new wall

[B 3904] → to the NE of the cross-wall which may or may not be a part of the modern terrace wall.

5 zambili are screened, 1 std soil sample is taken. ~~Not~~ Not finished with

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18th July

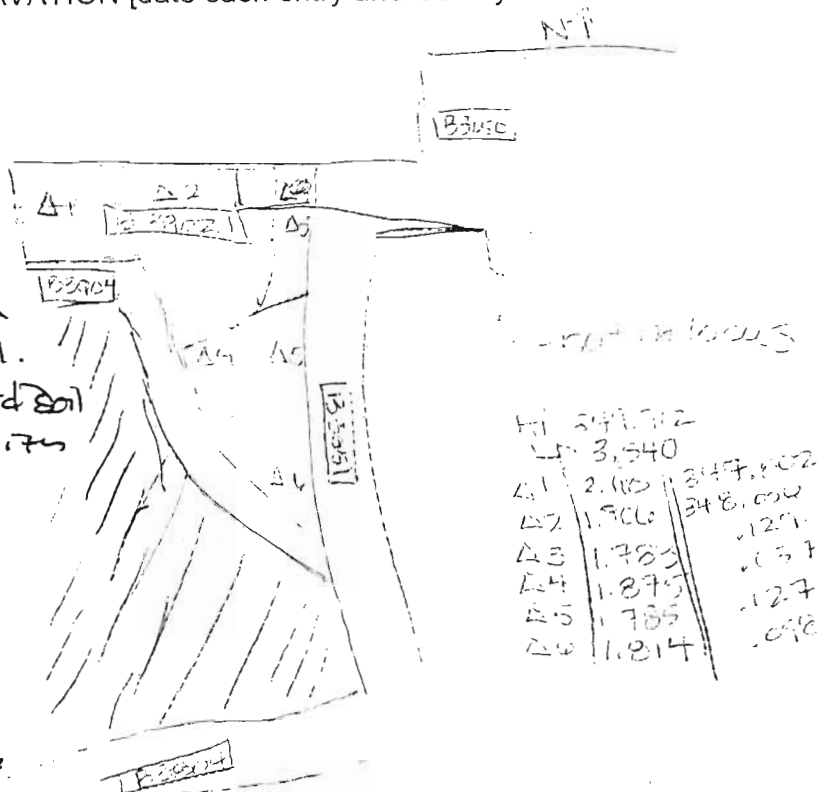
[B 3902.2] →

18th July

[B 3902.2] → Pass completion from yesterday. This time all soil is screened, 1 std sample taken.

The bags from the screening yesterday (the standard tumble-bili) is used as we had not done five through the pass yet.

A continuation of wall B 3050 is found running along the North scarp. ~~At this~~ A great amount of pottery & loose are being produced from the screens. This portion of the pass contains less stone than the previous (B 3902.1). The closer to B 3051 (wall), the greater fineware & bone numbers ~~there~~ are. It is still unclear the relationship between new wall B 3904 & the worse built wall running ~ NW-SE. H's ok Donald, it's only a camera.



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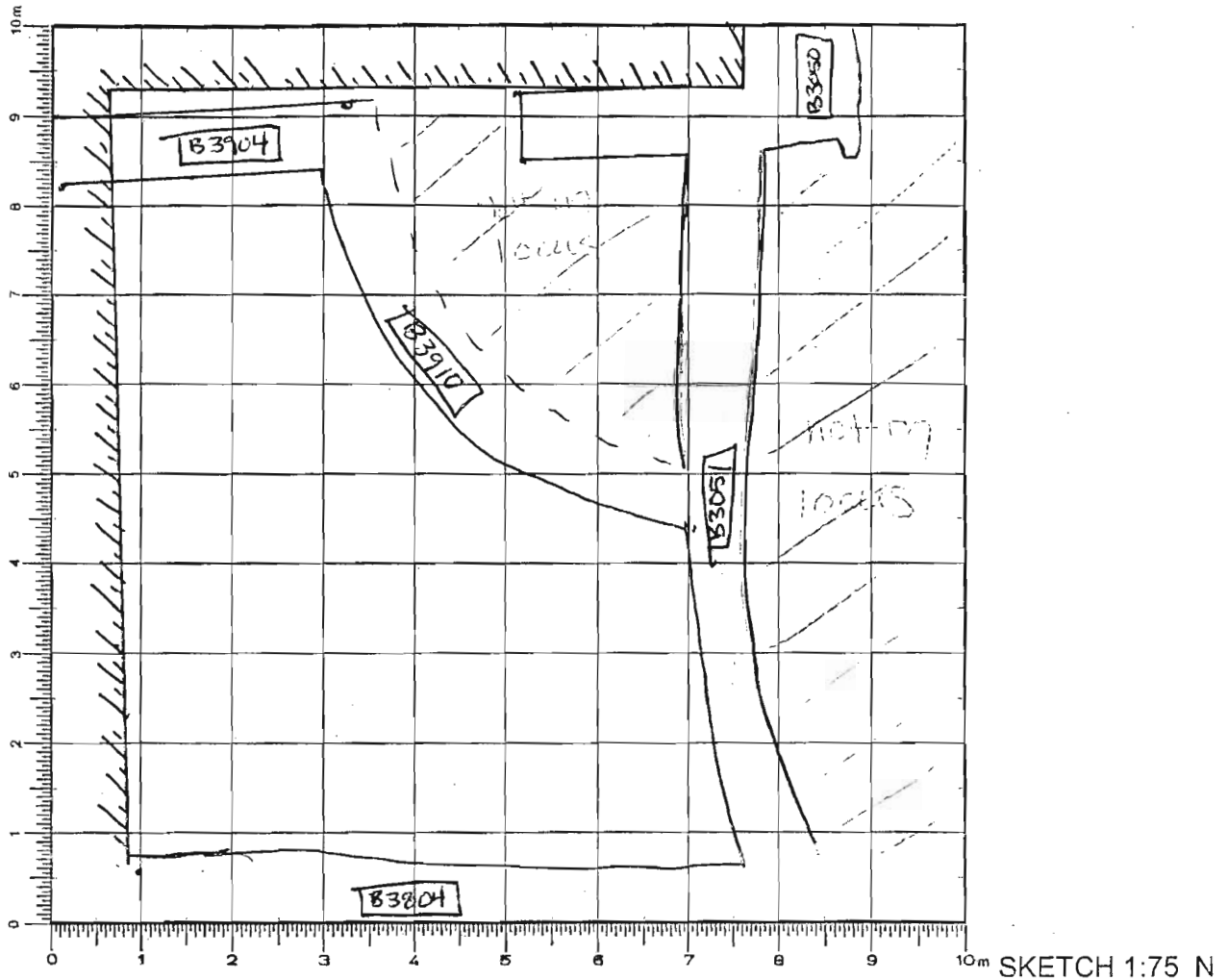
Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3903 Excavator GCP

## Elevations

Benchmark used: R28

Reading on  
Benchmark: 346.372m

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 17<sup>th</sup> July 06 Locus above: B 3901

Locus parameters:  $2.5 \times 2.8 \times 1.2 \times 3.7 \times 3.75 \text{ m}$   
N NE E S W

Verbal description: Rocky brown soil w/ dark patches filled w/ tumble

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): tessae fill & tumble

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus 3903 Excavator GCP

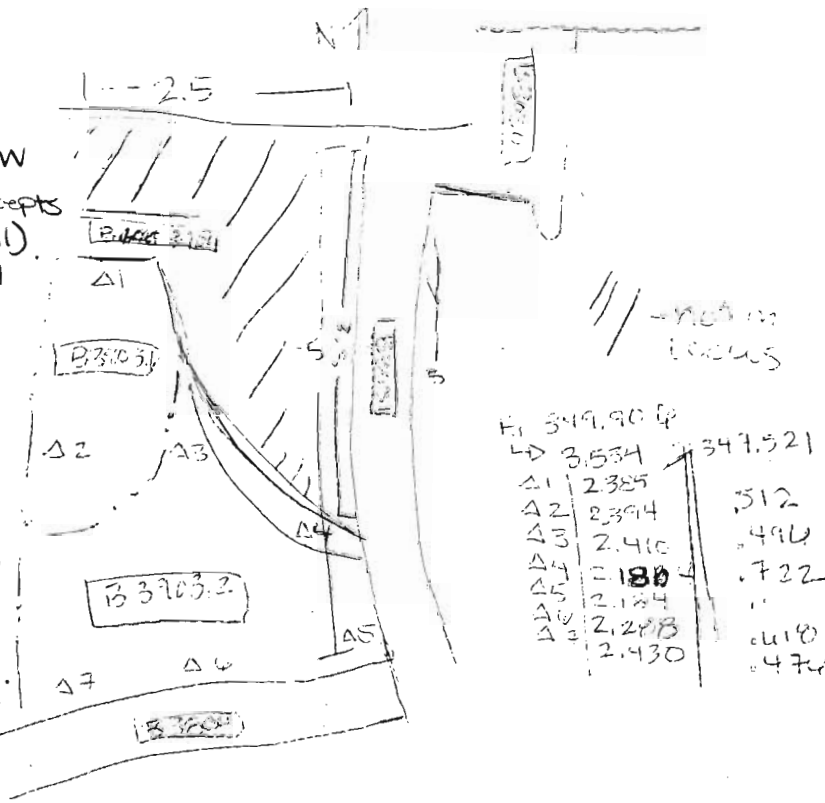
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

17th July

B 3903.1 -> Pass taken to the south of wall B 3904, i.e. to the SW of the potential wall that intercepts it (maybe modern terrace wall). A std soil sample is taken. Wall continues though may stop 2/3 across trench to south. not finished w/ pass

18th July

B 3903.2 -> completion of Pass started yesterday. Attempting to better define the North face of wall B 3904, i.e. the N-S wall whose identity is yet unknown. This wall continues until it appears to continue until abutting wall B 3051, i.e. possibly passes under it.





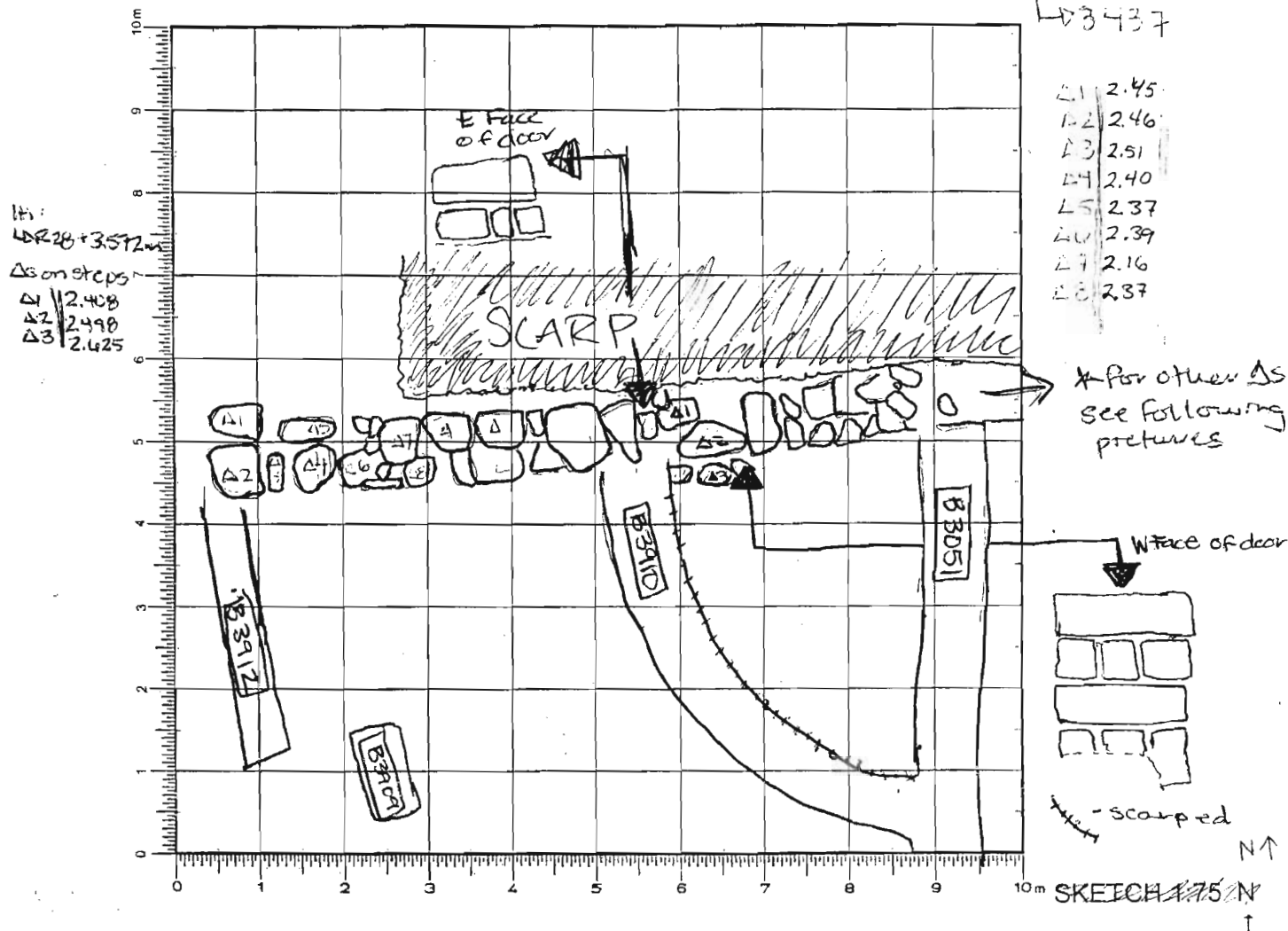
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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B 3904 Excavator GCP

## Elevations

Benchmark used: R28  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 346.372m  
H.I.: 43437



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 17<sup>th</sup> July Locus above: B 3902

Locus parameters: 7.2m (E-W) X 2.5m (N-S); doorway ~1.28m wide

Verbal description: non stone construction, well built. Poorly preserved on the western end. At least 3 courses high at best preserved height, ~~rough to the touch~~. Squared (worked) faces.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): WALL

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Year \_\_\_\_\_ Trench/Locus \_\_\_\_\_ Excavator \_\_\_\_\_

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## OBJECTS

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ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

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1) 2.05  
2) 1.99  
3) 1.96  
4) 1.92  
5) 1.88

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Δ6

Δ5



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B3904

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$\Delta 1$  0.78

$\Delta 2$  1.12

$\Delta 3$  1.34

$\Delta 4$  1.46

$\Delta 5$  1.47

$\Delta 6$  1.48

$\Delta 7$  1.61

$\Delta 8$  1.62

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$\Delta 1$

$\Delta 2$

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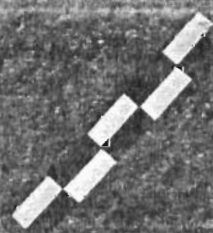
$\Delta 4$

$\Delta 6$

$\Delta 5$

$\Delta 7$

$\Delta 8$





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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3905 Excavator GCP

## Elevations

Benchmark used: R28

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 18 July 06

Locus above: B3903

Locus parameters: SE corner of trench; around fallen steps

Verbal description: Dark brown/black soil w/ medium size stones

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): tumble

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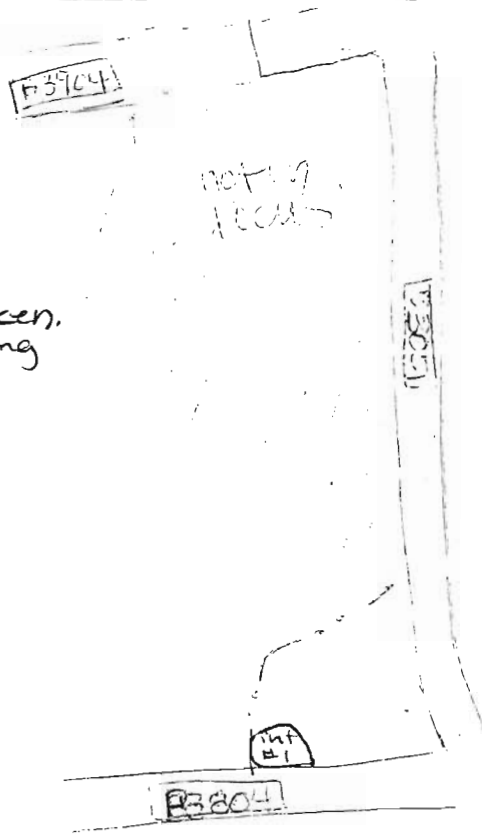
Year 2000 Trench/Locus B 3905 Excavator GCD

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

18<sup>th</sup> July

B 3905 → Pass taken to remove the corner left during previous pass. Less stone present; more dirt - dark blackish/brown. All dirt is screened, & a std soil sample is taken. An area of particular blackness is found, (see diagram); an int. soil sample is taken. A definition of the corner is desired. Screening producing very little.

~~18<sup>th</sup> July~~



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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3902 Excavator GCP

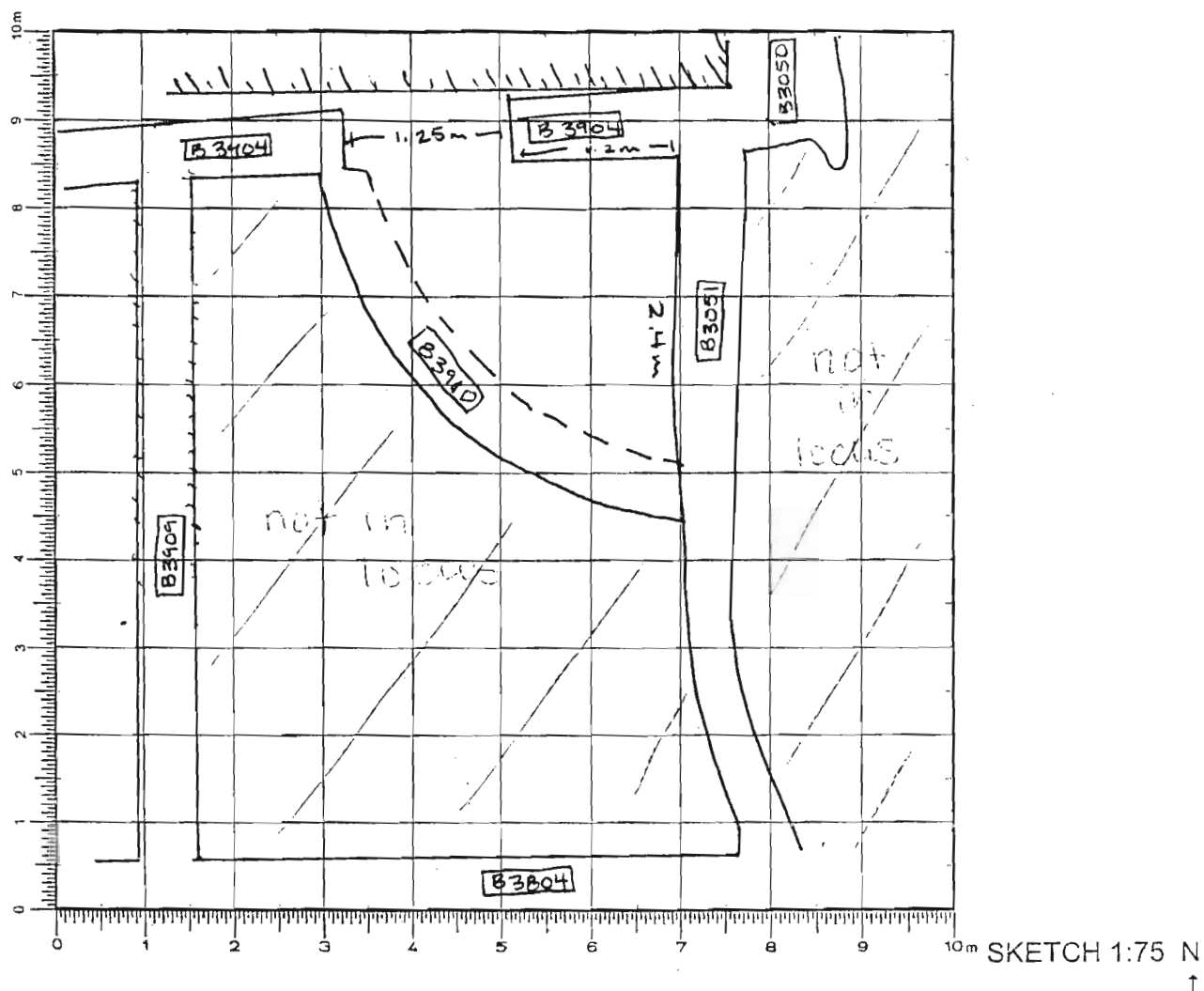
## Elevations

Benchmark used: R28

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372 m

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 19<sup>th</sup> July 06 Locus above: B3902

Locus parameters: 2.5 x 2.4 x 2.8m; in the NE corner of the trench  
 N E SW

Verbal description: dark brown/black earth w/ ~~at~~ small stones;  
pottery & bone rich deposit

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): dump deposit?



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Year 2000 Trench/Locus B 3906 Excavator GCP

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
B 3906.1			
B 3906.2			
B 3906.3			
B 3906.4			
B 3906.5			
B 3906.6			
B 3906.7			

## OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	B 3906.1	iron nail			
2	"	iron nail			
3	B 3906.2	stone object			
4	B 3906.2	stone tool			
5	B 3906.4	stone tool			
6	"	geometric weights			
7	B 3906.5	ceramic bead? wheel			
8	B 3906.6	iron			

## ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
B 3906.1	2 (1 reg)			1	1std	
B 3906.2	"			1	1std	
B 3906.3	1 reg					
B 3906.4	2 (1 reg)			1	1std	
B 3906.5	"				1std	
B 3906.6	"				1std	1 scapeloide
B 3906.7	"				1std	

Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3906 Excavator GCP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

19th July

**B 3906.1** → Locus defined by walls B 3051, B 3904, & the as of yet unnamed possible trapos wall (curved one) that intercepts both. Matrix is like the last pail dug here (B 3902.2): brown (dark) with ~~some~~ few small rocks & loads of pottery & bone. A possible doorway is uncarved (dotted line in drawing).

An iron nail [Object #1] for locus is found to the south of the "doorway".

Another iron nail [Object #2] for the locus is found in the screen. Bagged & tagged.

→ 2 bone, 1 pot, 2 obj, pumice, 1 std

**B 3906.2** → Another pass in same area.

All dirt screened & a std soil sample is taken.

The dotted portion of wall [B 3904] appears more & more like a doorway. A Western face of the eastern portion is clear. Screening is productive in both bone & pottery.

A stone object is found (a small, rounded stone ~ 12cm in diameter. [obj #3] for the locus.

Pumice found, bagged & tagged.

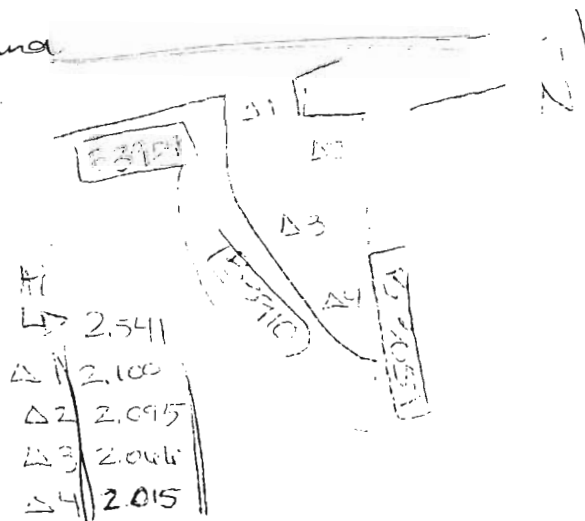
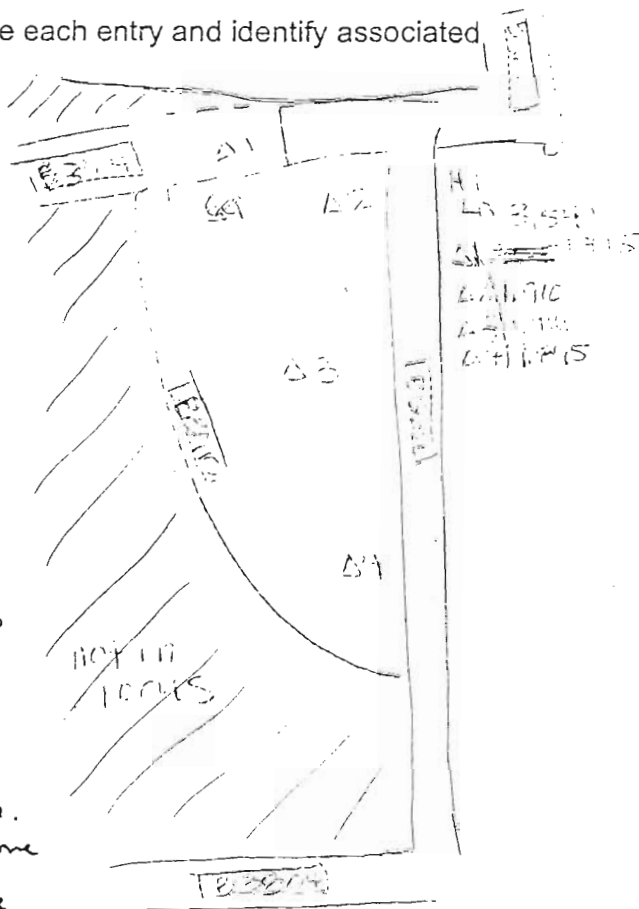
Both walls [B 3051] & [B 3904] dive down into the dirt.

As does B [3910]

Another stone tool [obj #4] is found.

→ 2 bone, 1 pot, 1 std, pumice,

**B 3906.3** → Wall clearing around wall [B 3910]. Bone & Pottery found.



B 3804

Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3906 Excavator GCP

*Matrix similar to above (B3906) but rockier (small stones)*

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

20<sup>th</sup> July

**B 3906.4** → Another pass taken to bring down the level of the area. All dirt screened; a std soil sample is taken. ~~There is a change for momentary~~  
~~meaning the surface above is not a floor~~

Wall B 3051 goes down, as well as wall B 3904.

The eastern face of wall B 3910 does not appear well defined - probably only a single face on the west. Lots of pottery & ~~bone~~ bone.

**[Obj #5]** a stone tool is found (x in diagram) bagged & tagged.

A possible geometric weight is found & is very delicate & fragile (BOTH!). It is bagged separately so as to not be destroyed in the acid wash. **[Obj #6]** for locus.

→ 2 bone, 1 pot, 2 obj, pumice, 1 std ss ←

**B 3906.5** → Another pass is taken in same area searching for ~~etc~~ a surface & an end to the walls. All dirt is screened & a std soil sample is taken. Matrix remains dark, wet, black, & smelly - ev. full of bones & pottery.

A small bead or whorl (ceramic) is found (see diagram) **[Obj #7]** for locus.

3 rock appear on the north side of the door way - possible continuation from wall B 3910? Threshold stones appear ~~in~~ in the doorway. All walls except for B 3910 continue down. → maybe tumble?

**B 3906.6** → Another pass through same area. All dirt screened & a std soil sample is taken.

**[Obj #8]** is found along the wall - a chunk of iron ~ 10cm long & rectangular (elongated). Previously dubbed threshold stones maybe steps for there is no surface associated with the level of the stones, or they are tumble. Dirt in the corner has a red tint to it → SE corner. Soil is full of pottery & bone, comparable to previous passes.

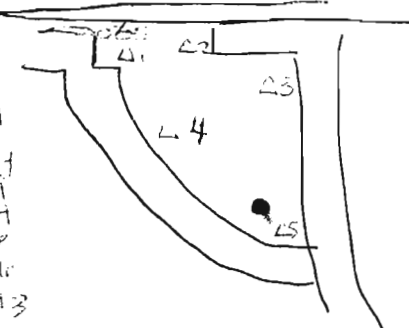
Stones in doorway removed with this pass to reveal STEPS!!



H: 3.150  
X - 2.271  
L: 2.240  
L2: 2.272  
L3: 2.274  
L4: 2.321  
L5: 2.278

X - Stone tool (Obj #5)  
Alt

H: 3.514  
L: 2.134  
L2: 2.419  
L3: 2.374  
L4: 2.456  
L5: 2.391  
Alt: 2.293



• - Obj #7  
(bead or whorl)



Year 2006 Trench/Locus B3900 Excavator GCP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

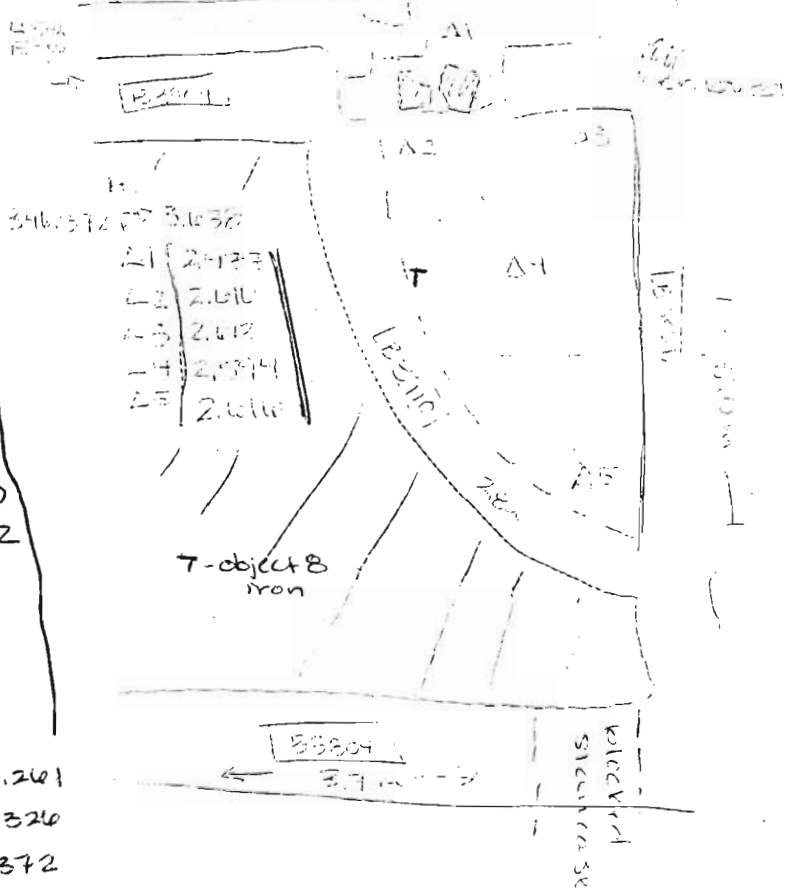
21 July

**B3900.7** → Another pass, same area, all dirt screened? a std soil sampler is taken. Pottery count high. Possible surface found in NE corner, but the soil is wet so we could be mistaken. Lots of bone & pottery. Walls continue down.

Definitely a surface, one which appears to correlate w/ B3000.2 surface in trench B3000

**Ob, #8** - iron

Δ1	Δ2	Hi 350.01 m	
		LD 3.638	
	Δ1	2.749	347.261
	Δ2	2.684	.326
	Δ3	2.730	.372
	Δ4	2.688	.322
	Δ3		



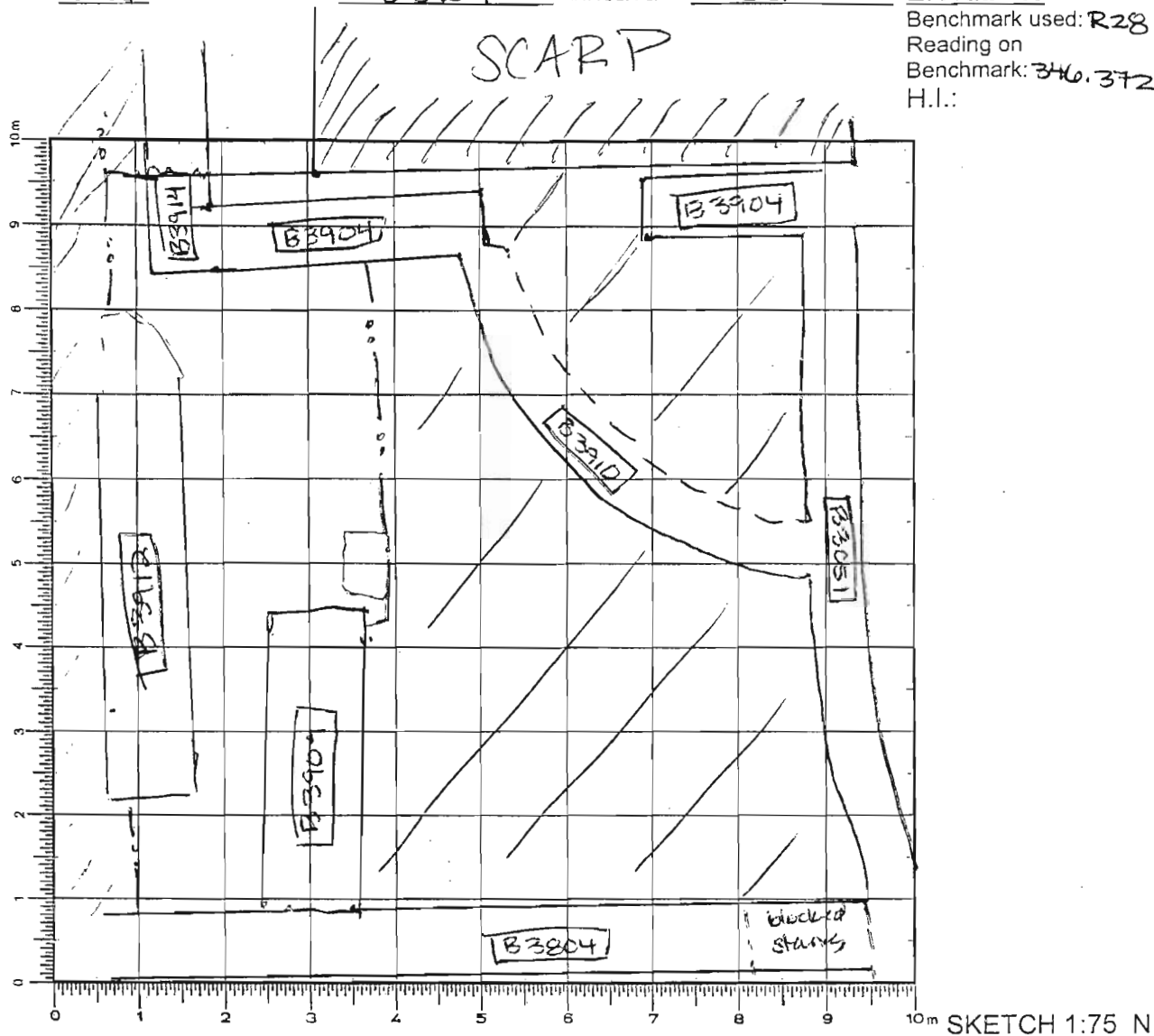
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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3907 Excavator GCP

## Elevations

Benchmark used: R28  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 346.372m  
H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 21 July

Locus above: ~~B3910~~ NA - modern surface

Locus parameters: 11.5m wide, runs the entire length of the trench (from S to north, then 12m to the north of B3904)

Verbal description: loose, dry, grey dirt matrix w/ plant material & the occasional stones

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): slope wash, terrace fill

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Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	B 3907.1	ceramic loom weight			
2	"	stone object			
3	"	stone weight			
4	B 3907.2	stone weight			
5	B 3907.3	loom weight			
6	"	quern			
7	B 3907.4	stone tool			
8	B 3907.7	stone tool			

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B3907 Excavator GCP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

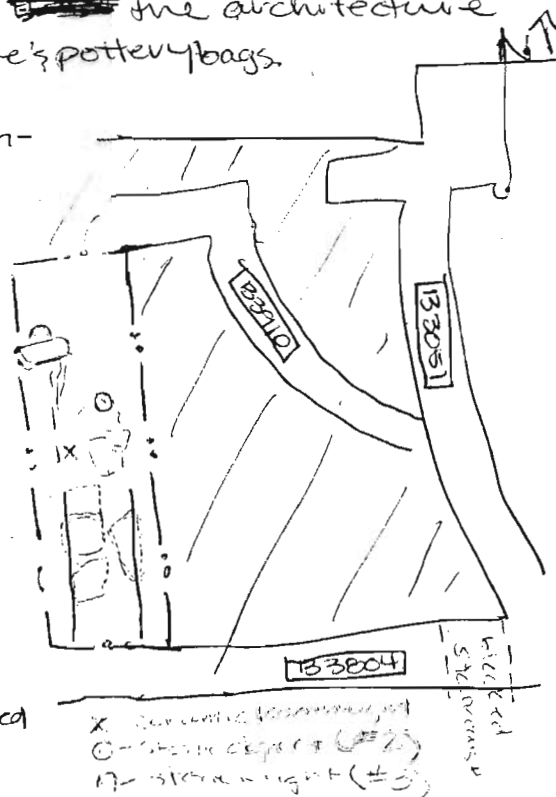
20<sup>th</sup> July

**B3907.1** → excavation to attempt to define ~~the~~ the architecture to the west of B3900. No screening, just bone & pottery bags.

A ceramic loom weight **obj #1** for locus, is found just to the west of the linear stone accumulation (see diagram). Fumice is found, & in close proximity a stone object **obj #2**, about 15-20 cm in diameter, round & flattened. Both bagged & tagged.

**obj #3** - a stone weight ~ 20 cm diameter is found (1 in diagram) - bagged & tagged. Wall is poorly preserved at this level.

↳ Wall Dubbed B3909



21 July

**B3907.2** → Further attempts to define the wall B3909. No screening, bone & pottery collected. A stone weight is found amongst the tumble, dubbed

**obj #4** ~~Notes~~

**B3907.3** → Expansion the west to try & define both wall B3909 & another possible wall ~ 1 m to the west. No screening or std soil sample. High amounts of coarse ware.

A loom weight is found in close proximity to a medium quern ~ 30 cm in diameter

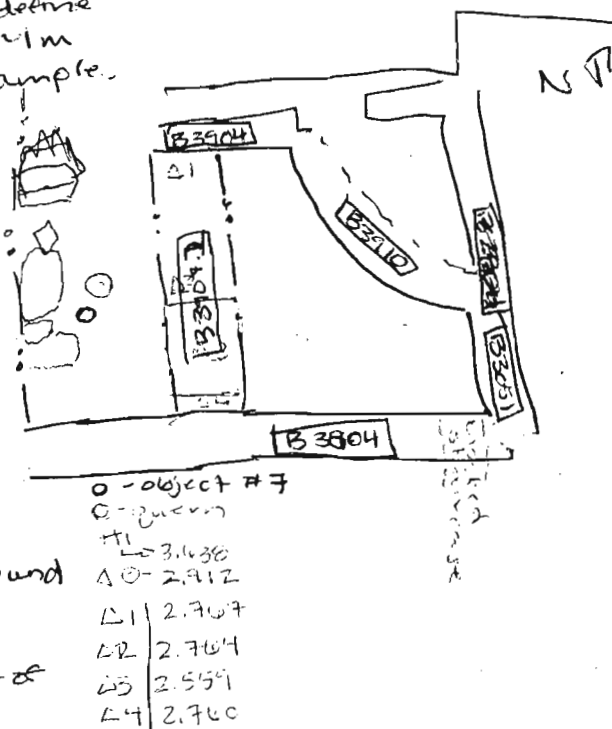
↳ **obj #5** - loom weight  
**obj #6** - quern

Built feature B3909 appears to only be ~ 1.65 m long from the south, and greatly slipped.

**B3907.4** → New pail due to amount of pottery. A stone tool is found

**obj #7**

Another wall is found to the west of "Wall" B3909. Pass incomplete.





Year 2000 Trench/Locus B 3907 Excavator GCP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

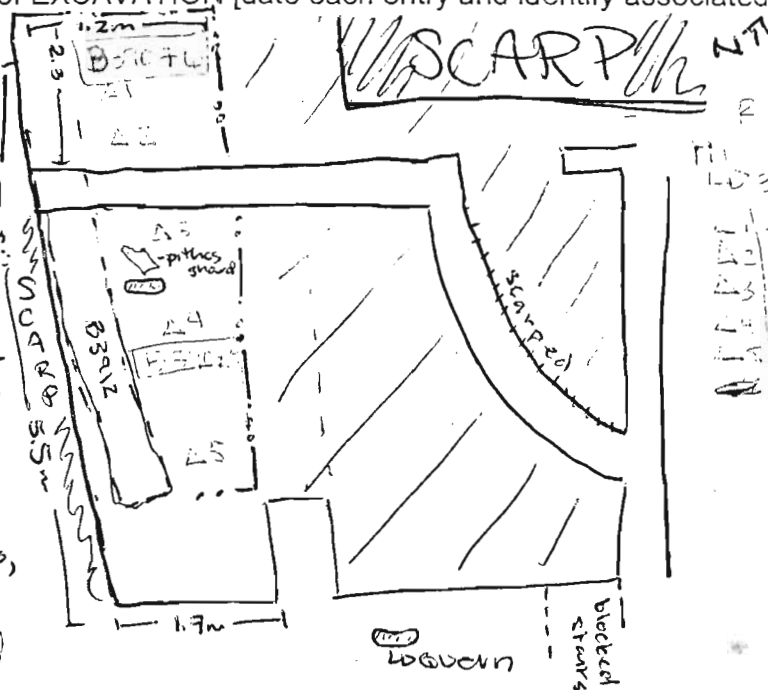
24 July

**B3907.5** → Pass completed that was started Friday. No screening, but bone & pottery collected. A possible wall is emerging at the western extent of the pass - maybe modern terrace wall.

→ in pass to the south of B3904.

A large quern peeks out (see diagram) from the pass, in close proximity to a pitthos stand.

West wall dubbed **B3912**



→ bone(1), pot(1)

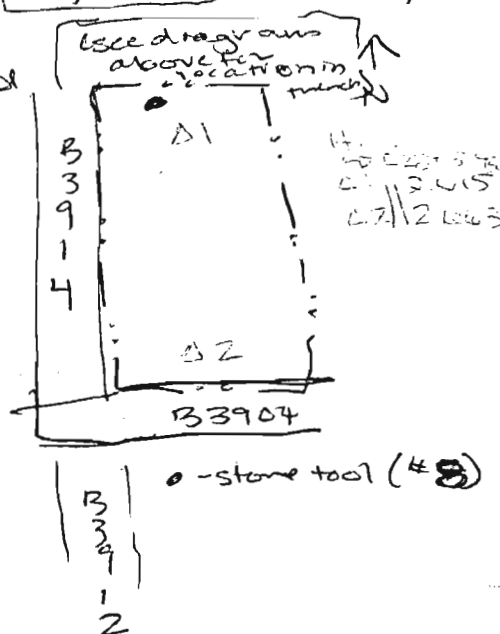
**B3907.6** → Pass completion to the north of wall B3904. No screening. Bone & pottery collected.

**B3907.7** → another pass (same area as pass 6), to further define the wall to the west (possible corner). A stone tool (object #8) is found, a stone tool - palm sized.

Wall to the north (corners w/ B3904) dubbed

**B3914** → different than B3912 in the south in construction & angle.

↳ Should have changed locus. oops. Sorry. Most certainly inside the defined corner.



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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3908 Excavator GCP

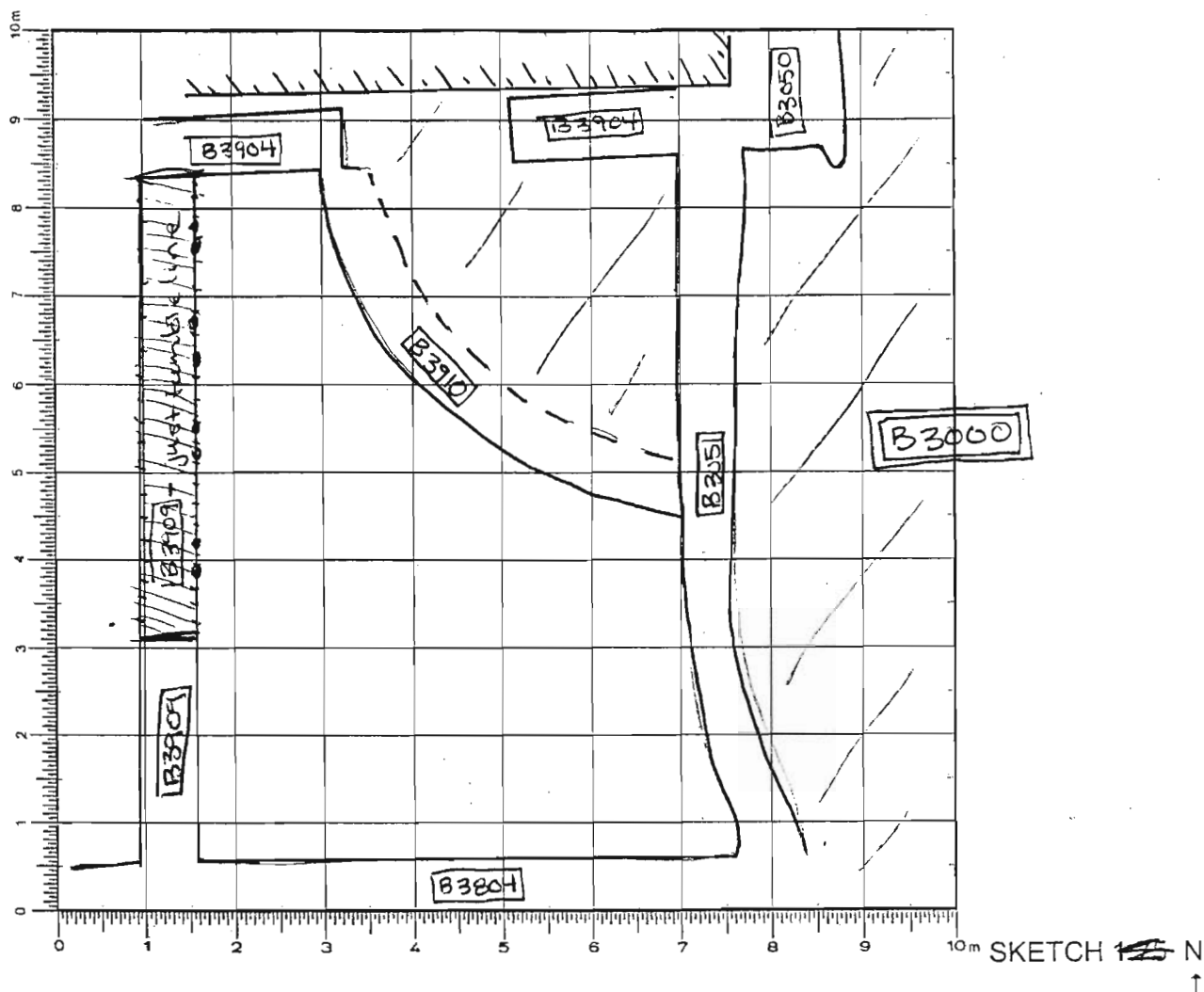
## Elevations

Benchmark used: 28

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372m

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 20 July 06

Locus above: B 3903 & B3905

Locus parameters:

Verbal description: gravel laden loose dark grey/black soil w/ stones

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): slope wash

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3908 Excavator GCD

Gravel laden matrix; ~~loose~~ loose & black

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

20 July

**B3908.1** → Another pass through the SW room, east of the poorly preserved wall [B 3909]. All dirt screened & std soil sample is taken. Pottery rich! Wall [B 3908] continues down. Loads of pottery.

→ Pumice, pot, 2 bone, std ss

**B3908.2** → New pail due to amount of pottery.

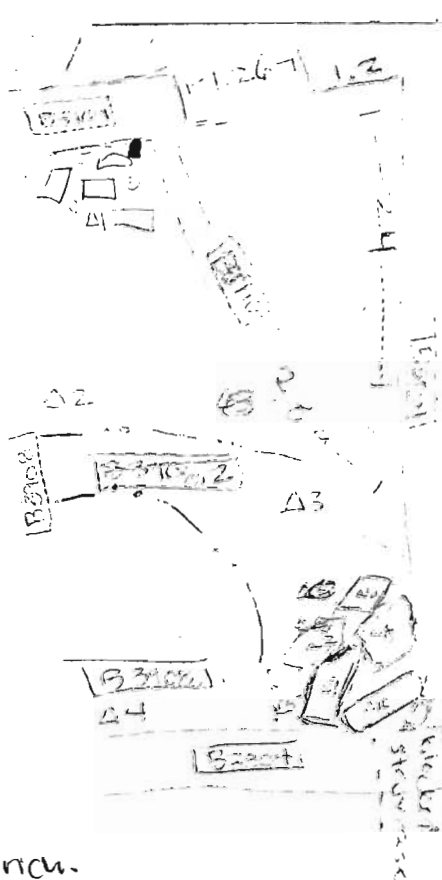
21 July

**B3908.3** → Continuation of pass started yesterday. All dirt screened & a std soil sample is taken. Several large, flat stones are found in the SE corner, perhaps fallen steps. Pottery rich. Large ~~masonry~~ tumble in the northern portion of the pass.

A loom weight # [obj # 1] found (see diagram)

Some clay & burning are found along the wall

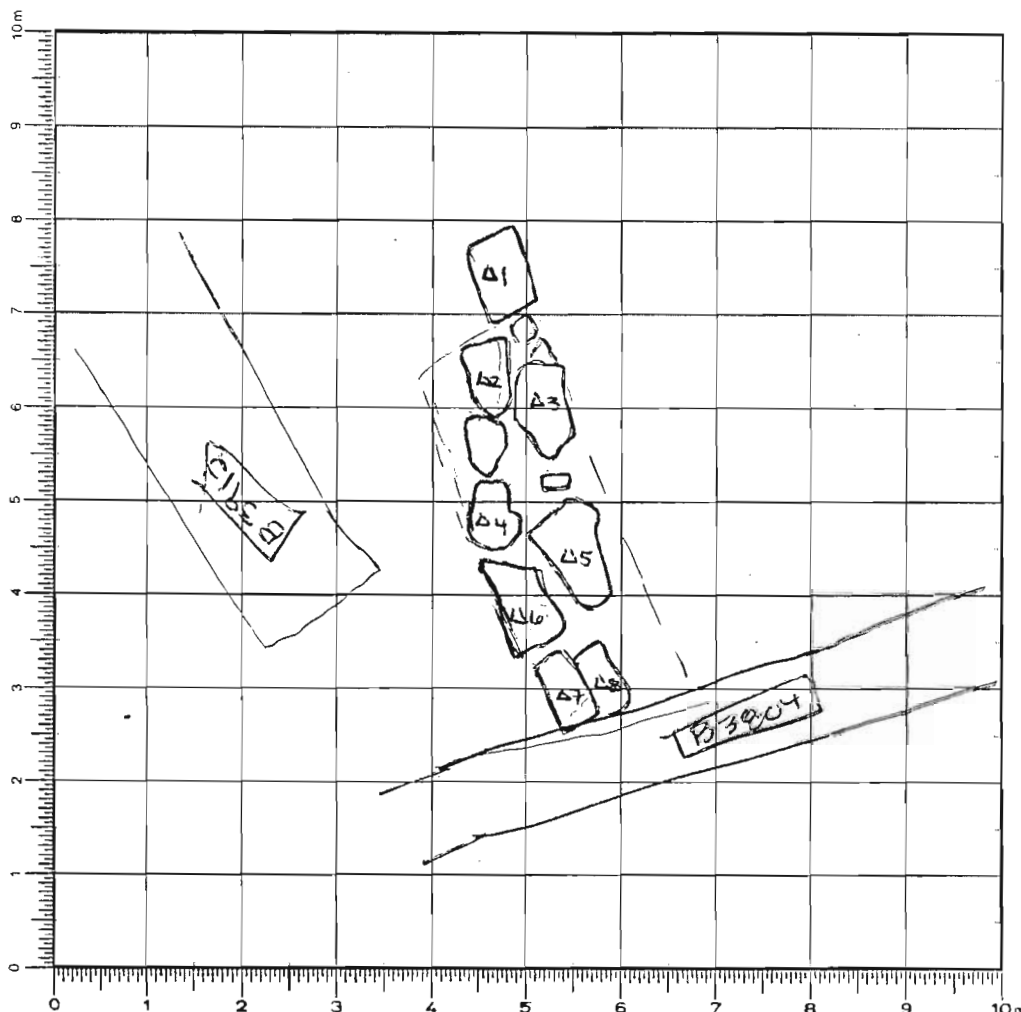
B3904 beneath the tumble (south face).



Trench		
A = Obj # 1		
Continuing from		
N 350.01 m		
L 350.01 m	347.	
2.771	209	
2.781	171	
2.782	248	
2.773	237	
2.805	205	
2.811	399	
2.810	4	
2.543	407	
2.513	497	
2.318	412	

Year 2006 Trench/Locus B3909 Excavator GCP**Elevations**Benchmark used: R28

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372mH.I.: 349.955m3.583

1	2.825	347.130
2	2.382	.573
3	2.525	.430
4	2.469	.486
5	2.432	.523
6	2.501	.454
7	2.591	.364
8	2.595	.360

SKETCH 135 N

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 24 July 06 Locus above: B 3907Locus parameters: ~1.7m long (taller; built area); single stone protrusion on the  
n. wall north ~.45m long x .28m wide

Verbal description: ~~built stone~~ iron stone composed built structure  
 which appears to contain a doorway rather than a full length wall  
 through the trench. Only 2 courses high, B3909 appears to float  
 above the floor. Also, B3909 does not extend fully across  
 the trench; may have defined a door in the north  
 portion of the room.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): used built stone structure.

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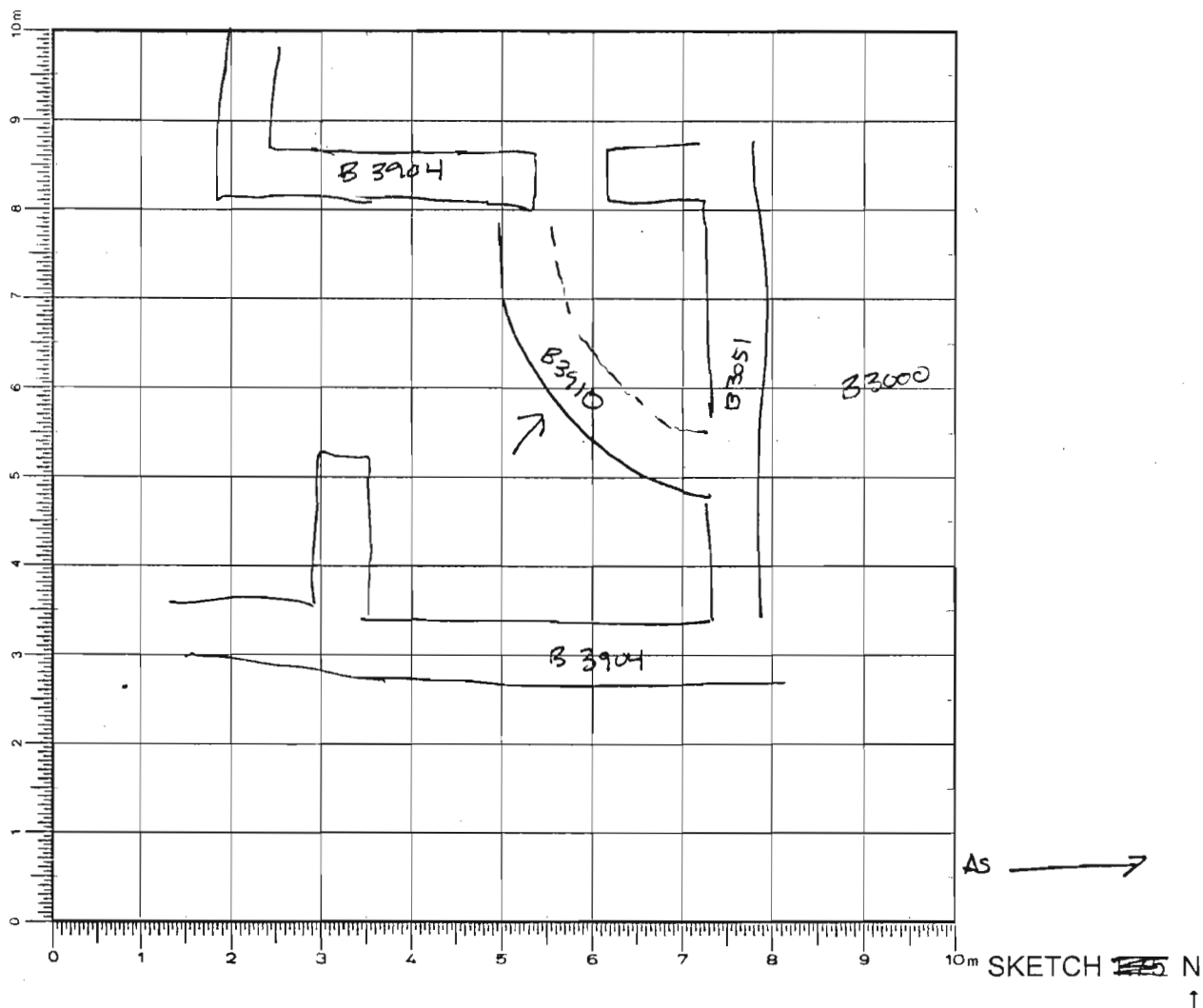


Year 2006 Trench/Locus B3910 Excavator GCPElevationsBenchmark used: R28

Reading on

Benchmark: 8346.37m

H.I.:

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date:

Locus above: B3901

Locus parameters: ~2.8m long; the width is unsure for it appears to be single faced

Verbal description: ~7 courses high; composed of dolomite stones, B3910 is curved; appears to have only one face (to the SW). The NE face side has been scarped to preserve the SW face. B3910 appears to be a later construction relative to B3904, however may be contemporaneous with or even later than B3051.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): bracing wall.

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## OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

GCP

183910

H1 349812m

LD 3410.372 + 3444  
Δ1 1.71 348.102  
Δ2 1.69 .122  
Δ3 1.69 .122  
Δ4 1.69 .122  
Δ5 1.96 .852  
Δ6 1.97 .842

Δ2

Δ3

Δ4

Δ5

Δ6

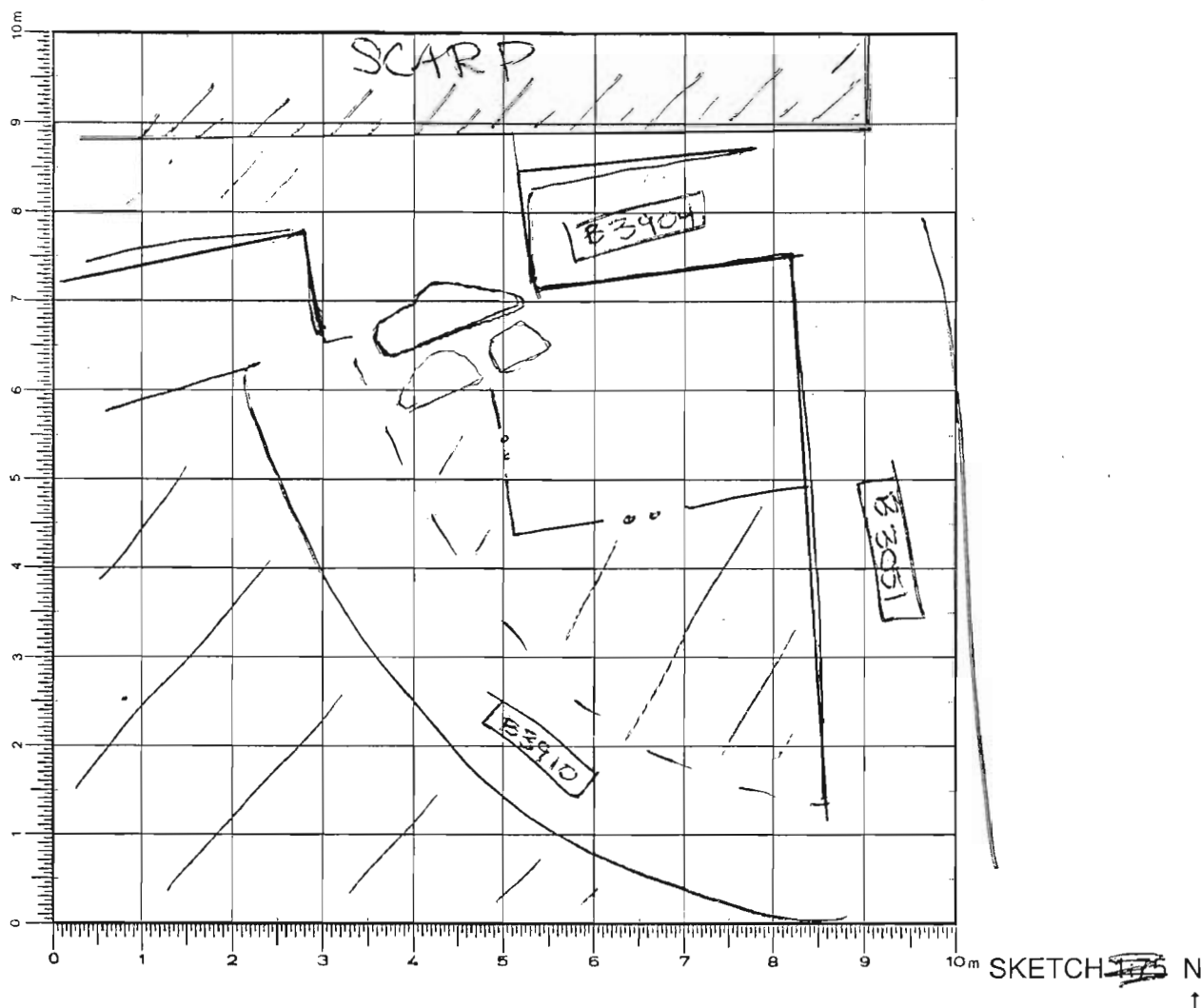


Year 2000 Trench/Locus B3911 Excavator GCP**Elevations**Benchmark used: R28

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372

H.I.:

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 24 July 06 Locus above: B3906Locus parameters: ~1 x 1 mVerbal description: clay matrix - surface ~~that~~ that is thought to  
correlate free to that of B3067 (top)Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): clay surface

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3911 Excavator GLP

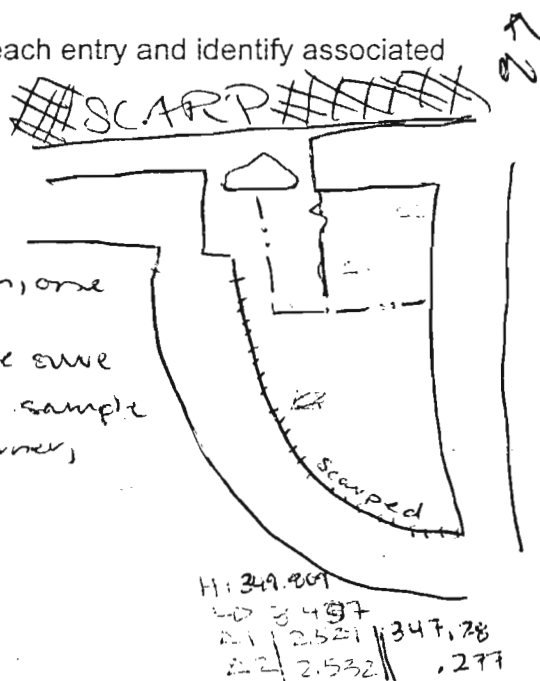
clay surface

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

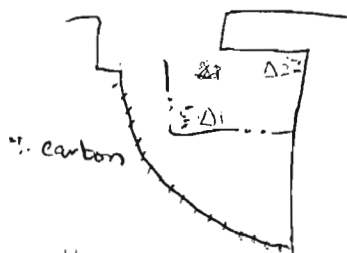
24 JulyB 3911.1 → sondage to remove the clay surface.

All dirt is screened, &amp; a std soil sample is taken.

Appears that packing just starting to peek through, one more pass taken.

B 3911.2 → second pass through locus to make sure we're at the packing. All soil screened, & std soil sample is taken. Small flecks of carbon in the NE corner, & SW corner of sondage.

H: 34.201  
 L: 3.437  
 A1: 2.521 | 347.28  
 A2: 2.532 | .277



H1  
 L: 2.25-3.437  
 A1: 2.533  
 A2: 2.418



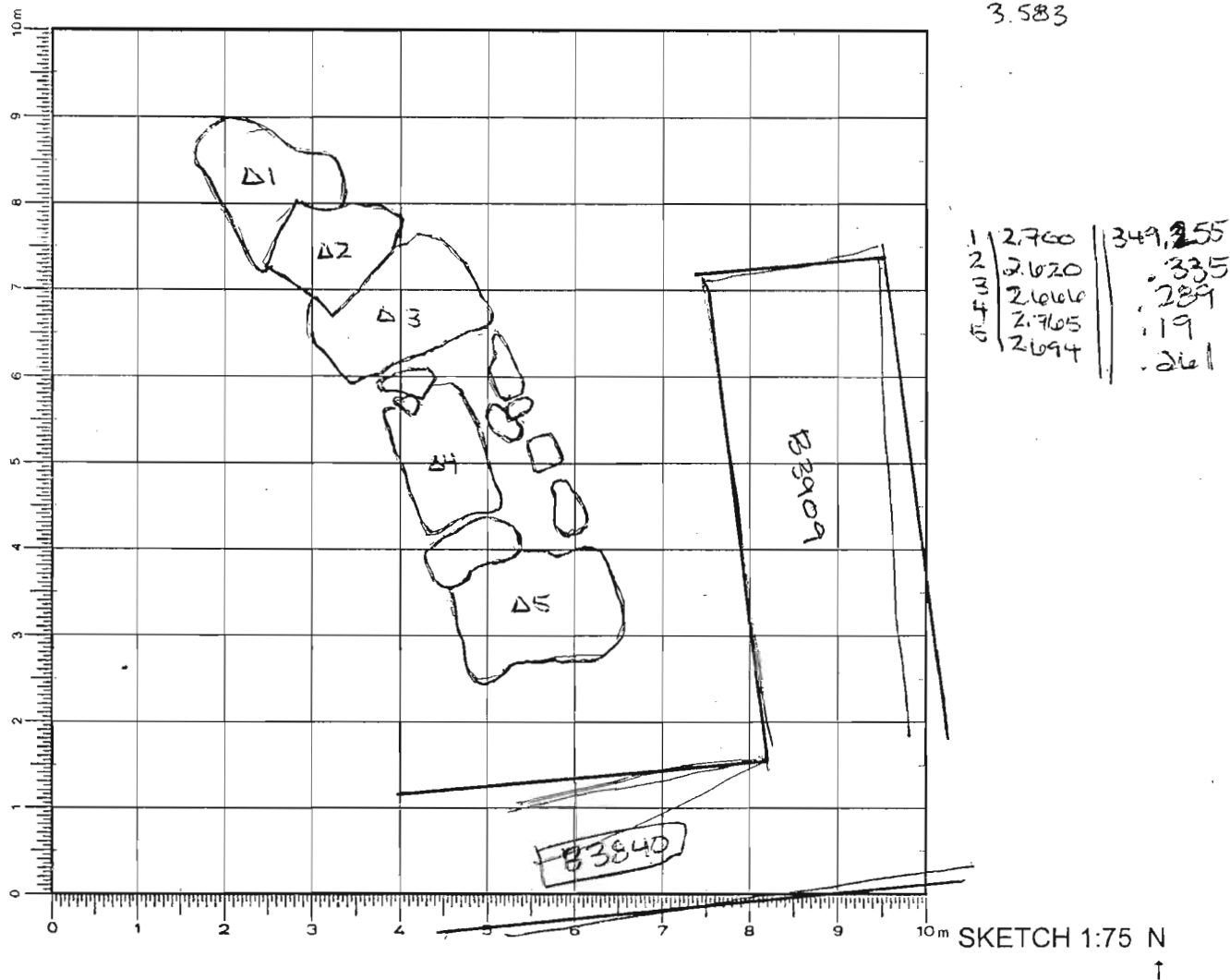
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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B3912 Excavator GCP

## Elevations

Benchmark used: R28  
Reading on  
Benchmark: 346.372m  
H.I.: 349.955m  
3.583



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 24 July 06 Locus above: B3907

Locus parameters: ~ .5 m wide x 2 m long

Verbal description: located to the south of wall B3904, oriented N-S axis, made of what appears to be worked dolomite (large stones). Throughout of line with wall B3914 to the north, the construction is similar. Not fully excavated, only stands 1 course high.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): wall

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Year \_\_\_\_\_ Trench/Locus \_\_\_\_\_ Excavator \_\_\_\_\_

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## OBJECTS

[illegible]

### ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3913. Excavator GCP

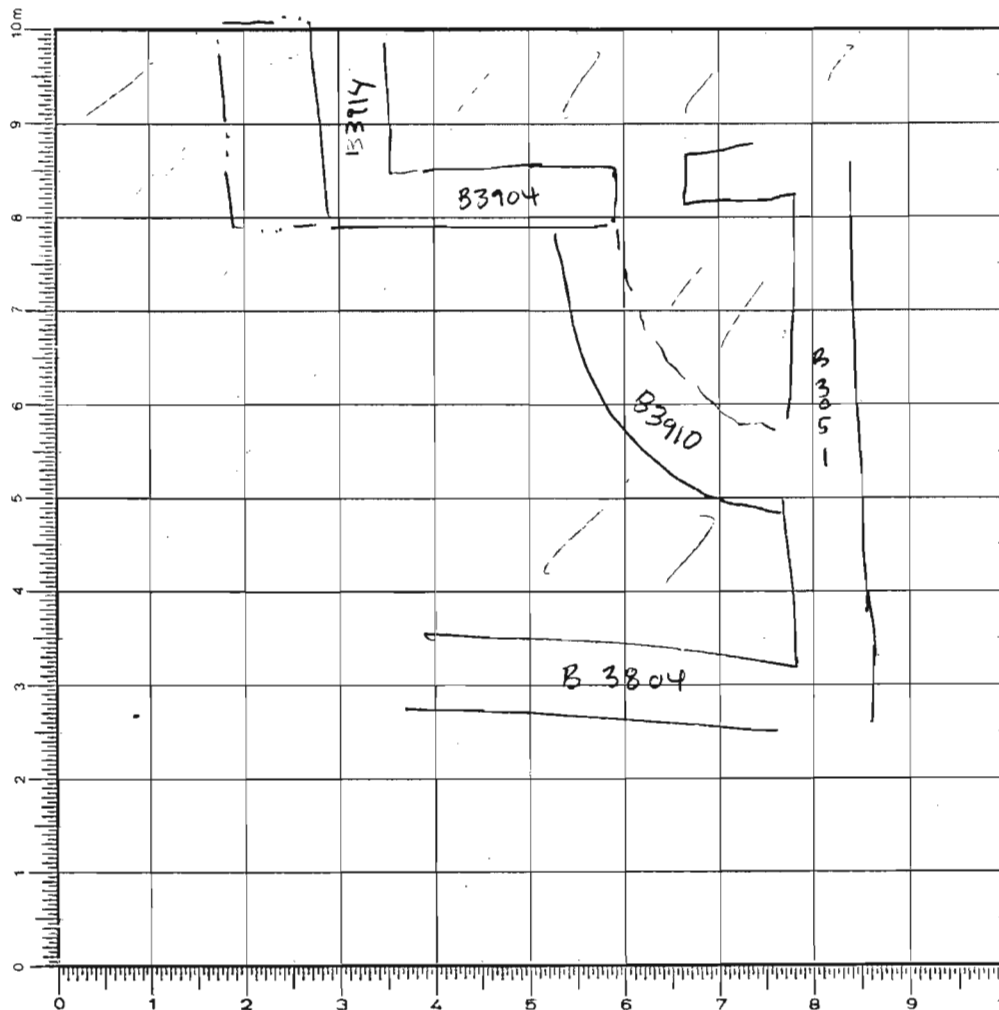
## Elevations

Benchmark used: R28

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372

H.I.:



SKETCH 1:75 N

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 24 July 06 Locus above:

Locus parameters:

Verbal description: modern surface - topsoil; terrace debris - loose & rocky

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): modern surface

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3913 Excavator BCP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

24 JulyB 3913 → cleaning around the western face of B 3914.

No screening, little pottery, no bone. Western face well built.



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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B3914 Excavator GCP

## Elevations

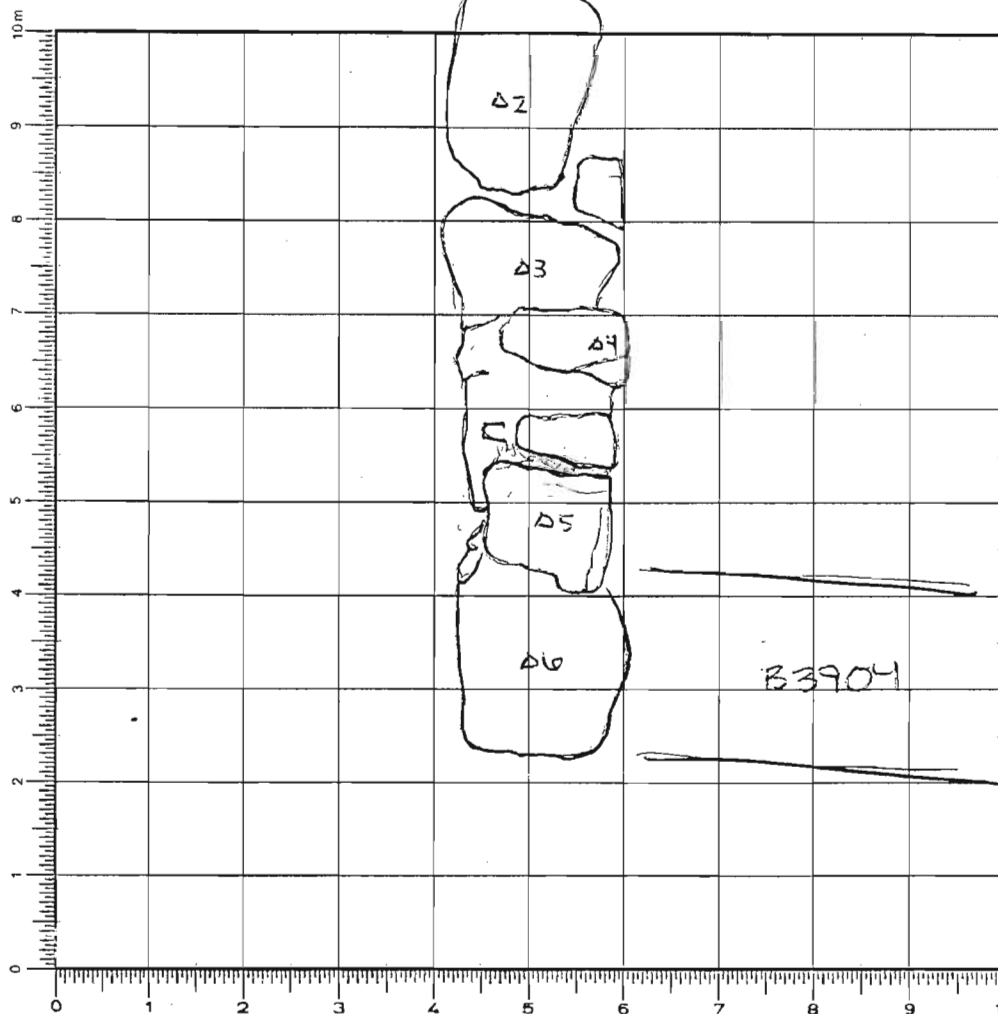
Benchmark used: R28

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.373m

H.I.:

L288 + 3.583



1	2.723
2	2.625
3	2.699
4	2.547
5	2.602
6	2.609

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 24 July

Locus above: B3907 ; modern surface

Locus parameters: ~ 2.5m x .5 wide

Verbal description: on a N-S axis, wall B3914 forms a corner with wall B3904, is located to the north. Composition is ~~very~~ large worked dolomite stones, similar to that of wall B3912 to the south. Not fully excavated, this wall stands only one course high.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): wall



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## OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B3915 Excavator Grif

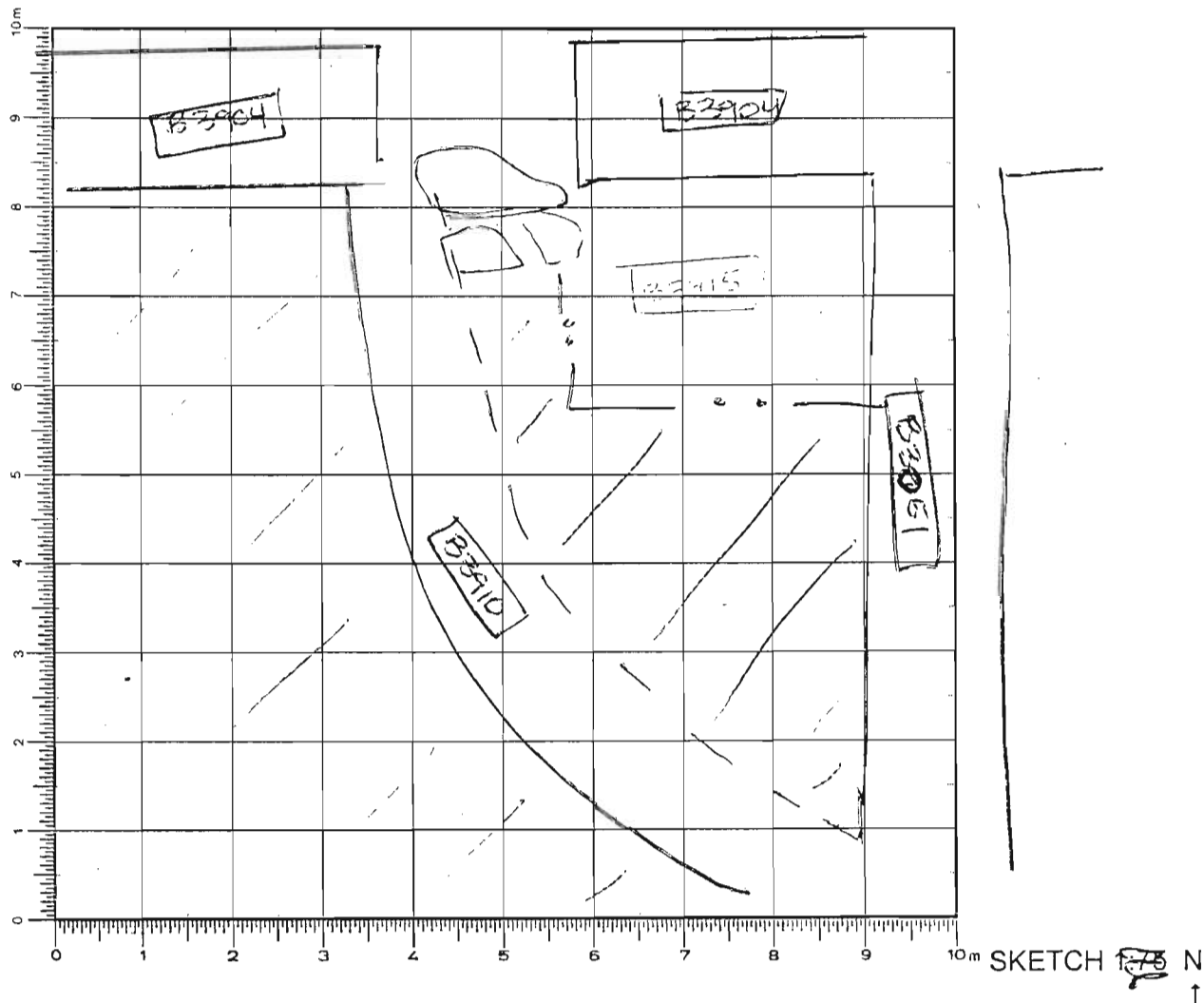
## Elevations

Benchmark used: R28

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372 m

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 24 July 06

Locus above: B3911

Locus parameters: 2 | x | m

Verbal description: red dirt matrix with cobble

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): packing matrix beneath locus B3911

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B3915 Excavator GCP

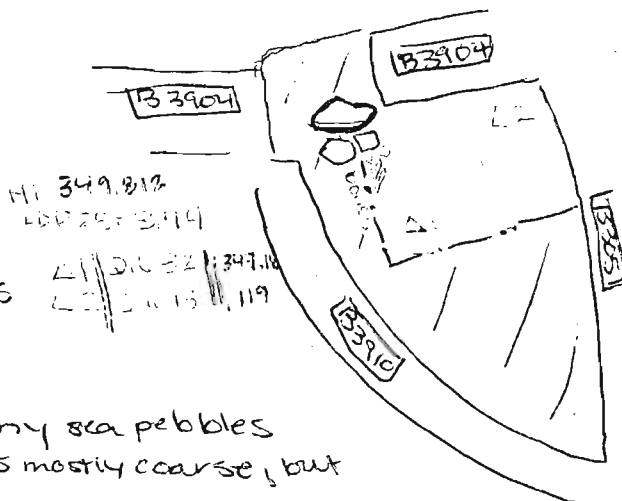
packing - small cobble in dirt matrix red

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

24 July

**B3915.1** → Pass to remove packing in sondage. All dirt is screened & a std soil sample is taken. A pile of animal bones is found in the NW corner of the sondage. Lynn says they are not articulated, & that most likely they are from several different animals, perhaps dumped from a pot or debris from a single incident. A piece of carbon is found around the bones - an olive pit? Soil is red w/ cobble material. 2 small shiny sea pebbles are found - put in bone bag. Pottery is mostly coarse, but fineware still present.

End of B3051 appears at hand! This deposit must be contemporary with this wall. Screens not very productive. This pass takes us below the wall.



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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3916 Excavator GCP

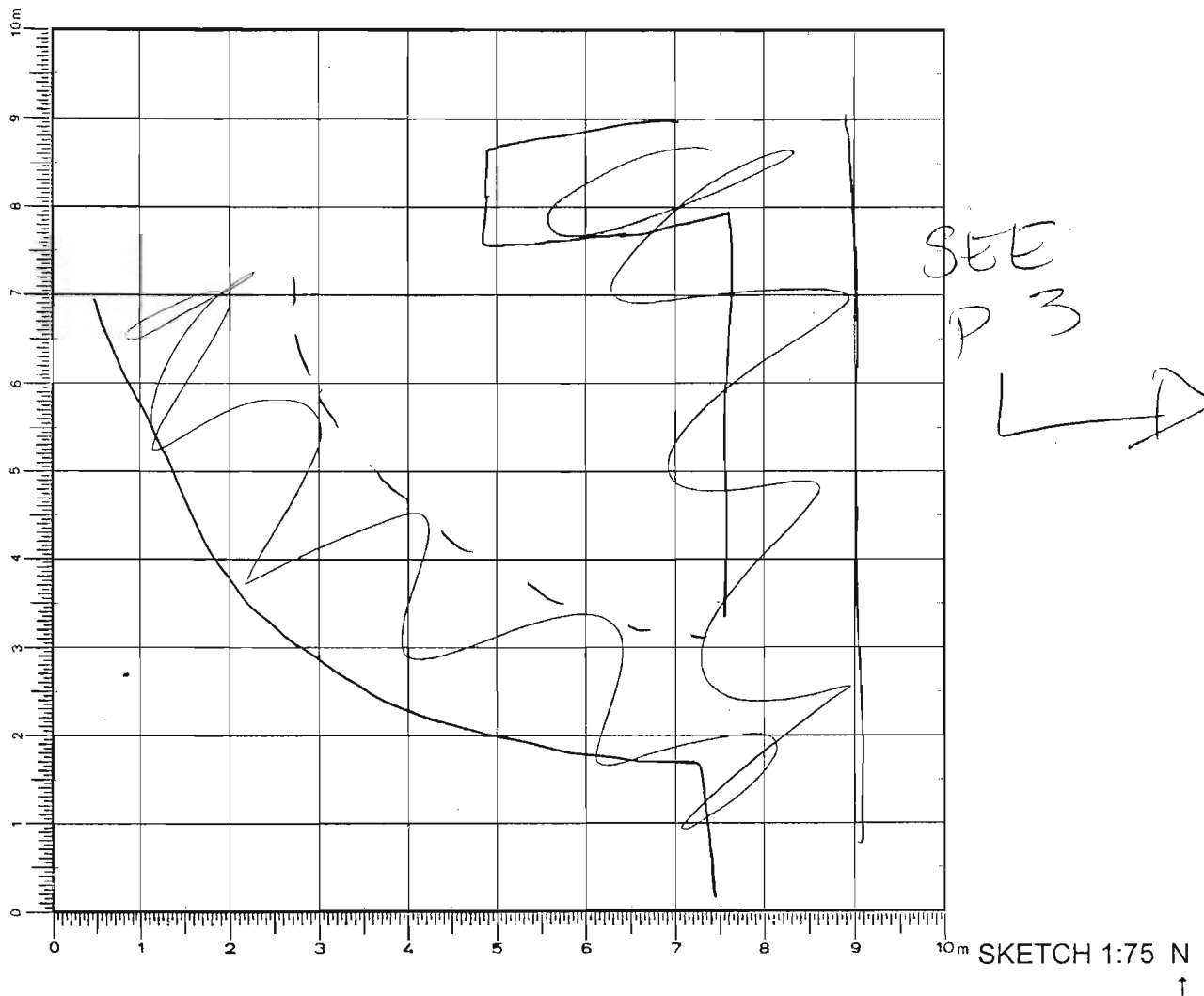
## Elevations

Benchmark used: R28

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 24 July 06

Locus above: B 3907 & 8

Locus parameters:

Verbal description: ~~burnt~~ clay, burnt clumpy matrix w/ few stones  
(leftover tumble from above loci)

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): roofing clay? burnt destruction

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[illegible]

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	B 39116.1	spindle whorl			
2	.3	stone tool			
3	.3	stone tool fragment			
4	.3	burnisher			
5	.3	quartz			
6	.3	fragments of stone tool (3)			
7	.4	ceramic pyramidal loom weight			
8	.5	pumice			
9	.5	pumice			
10	.9	pumice			
11	.7	ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL ceramic loom weight (pyramidal)			

[illegible]

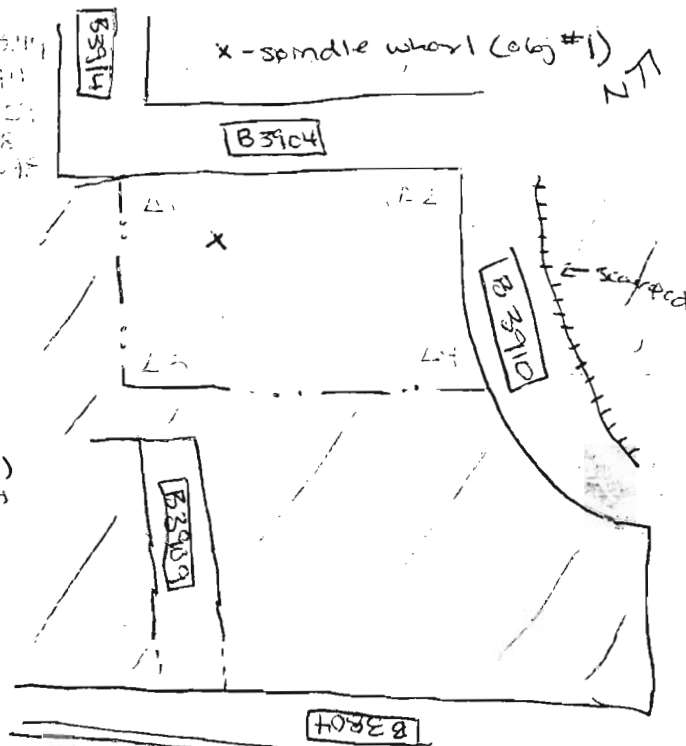
Year 2006 Trench/Locus B39110 Excavator BCP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

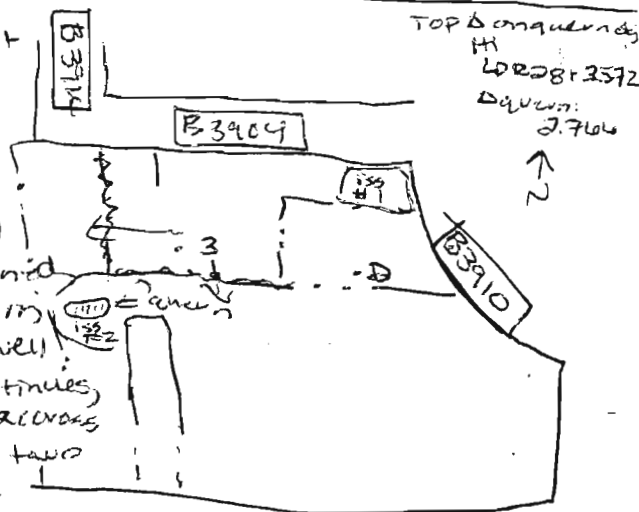
24 July

**B39110.1** → Pail taken in a sondage in the SW room to determine ~~depth~~ depth & context. All dirt is screened & a std soil sample is taken. A spindle whorl, **obj#1** for locus, is found (see plan). Carbon is found in the screen, put in bone bag. Tumble is removed from line north of built feature B3909 (previously thought to be a wall) in order to further define the structure.

This pail contains tumble, roofing clay, burnt destruction material. Carbon, bone, & shards from screen, but not very productive screens. Both walls B3904 & B3910 continue downwards. More burning noticed towards the east rather than the west.



**B39110.2** → New pail in same area to remove remaining burnt destruction: clay layer. All soil is screened & a std soil sample is taken. Carbon is more prominent in this pass than the previous one.



25 July

**B39110.3** → completion of pass started yesterday - all soil screened & std soil sample taken. We are zoning in on floor surface, for packing visible as well in places. Burnt destruction debris continues built up in NE corner. This pass will move across the entire room, in one pass rather than two as in the sounding. This should expose the surface. Purmise: large chunks of carbon found in screen - bagged & tagged.

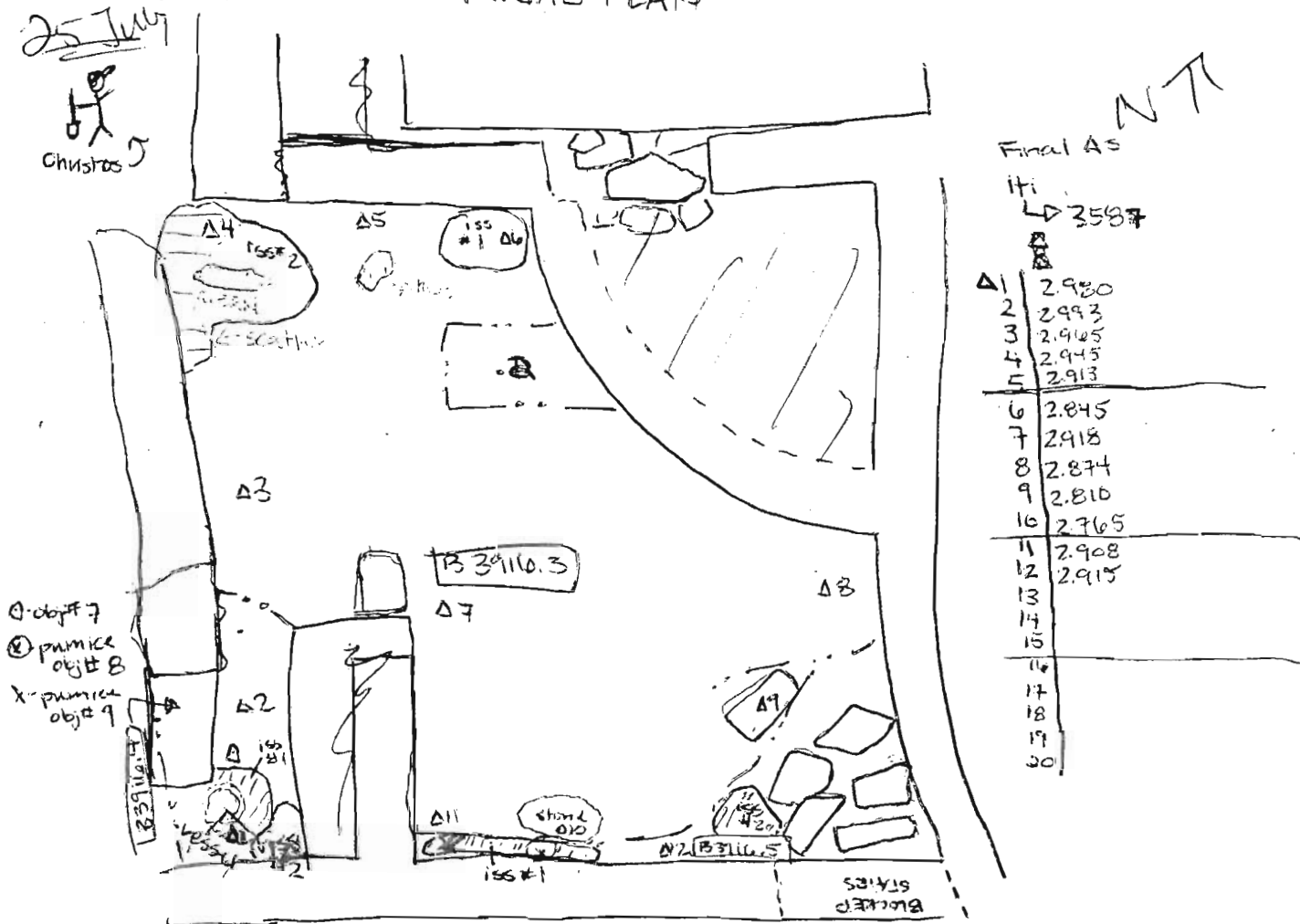
Pass gladden w/ carbon. A stone tool, **obj#2**, is found in the screen. Another stone tool is found in the screen, this time a fragment, is labeled as **obj#3**. Another possible stone tool (boulder?) is found in the screen ~~obj#4~~ **obj#4** for locus. It's small, it looks like a sea pebble.

A quern is removed with this pass **obj#5** for locus. Before the quern is removed, an int ss #2 is taken, it is photographed. A scatter of coarseware is found directly to the west, the quern appears to have handles on either end, and is elongated. 3 stone tool fragments (corners) initially thought to be part of the quern, are sent down separately as **obj#6** → all around quern.

Year 2006 Trench/Locus ~~B3900~~ B3916 Excavator GCP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

## FINAL PLAN



B3916.3 ~~containing~~ pails are changed due to number of sherds, and location.

B3916.4 → area to the west of B3909 (wall); all soil screened & std soil sample is taken. A pyramidal loam weight is found (obj # 7) within tiring pass. Bone & pottery present. The remains of a crushed vessel is found towards the south - an int soil sample #1 is taken in & around the vessel. The vessel (the queen & scatter) are left in for pictures.

B3916.5 → area to the south, east of B3909 (wall), near fallen steps. All soil screened & std soil sample kept as that in B3916.3.

(#1) - An intensive soil sample is taken ~~in~~ along the north face of wall B3804.

A piece of beveled pumice is found (see diagram) near B3804 wall in the southern area of the trench. It is objectified as obj # 8. Another piece of beveled pumice is found along B3904 → obj # 9.



Year 2006 Trench/Locus B 3916 Excavator GCP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

25 July

B39116.10 - 1 One more pass to zone on floor (small pass to remove highlands. All dirt screened, 3 mt soil samples are taken (see plan)). Ewent destruction covers the pile. No objects found, 4 iss taken. A small piece of pumice is found in the screen, bagged & tagged.

133416.7 - D scatter (see previous page)  
From NW corner removed. SW bounding  
soil collected as soil sample (1 mt) & fine  
vest screened.

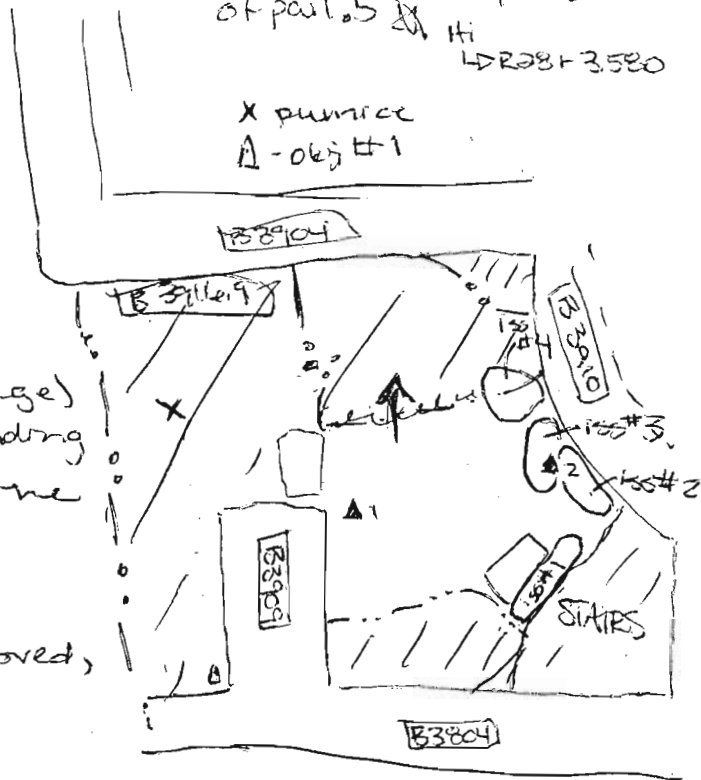
B3914.8 → Vessel in SW corner removed,  
dirt inside collected as soil sample.

B3916.9 - D One last pass underneath pail 4 to zone is on floor (extension of pail, 16). All soil screened & soil samples taken. Also, red piece of purple ~~ceramic~~ is found as Obj #10 for locus 5. A pyramidal ceramic loom weight Obj #11 is found in the SE corner of the pail.

\* these 15  
at bottom  
of paul. 5

11 | 2.885  
12 | 2.886  
14  
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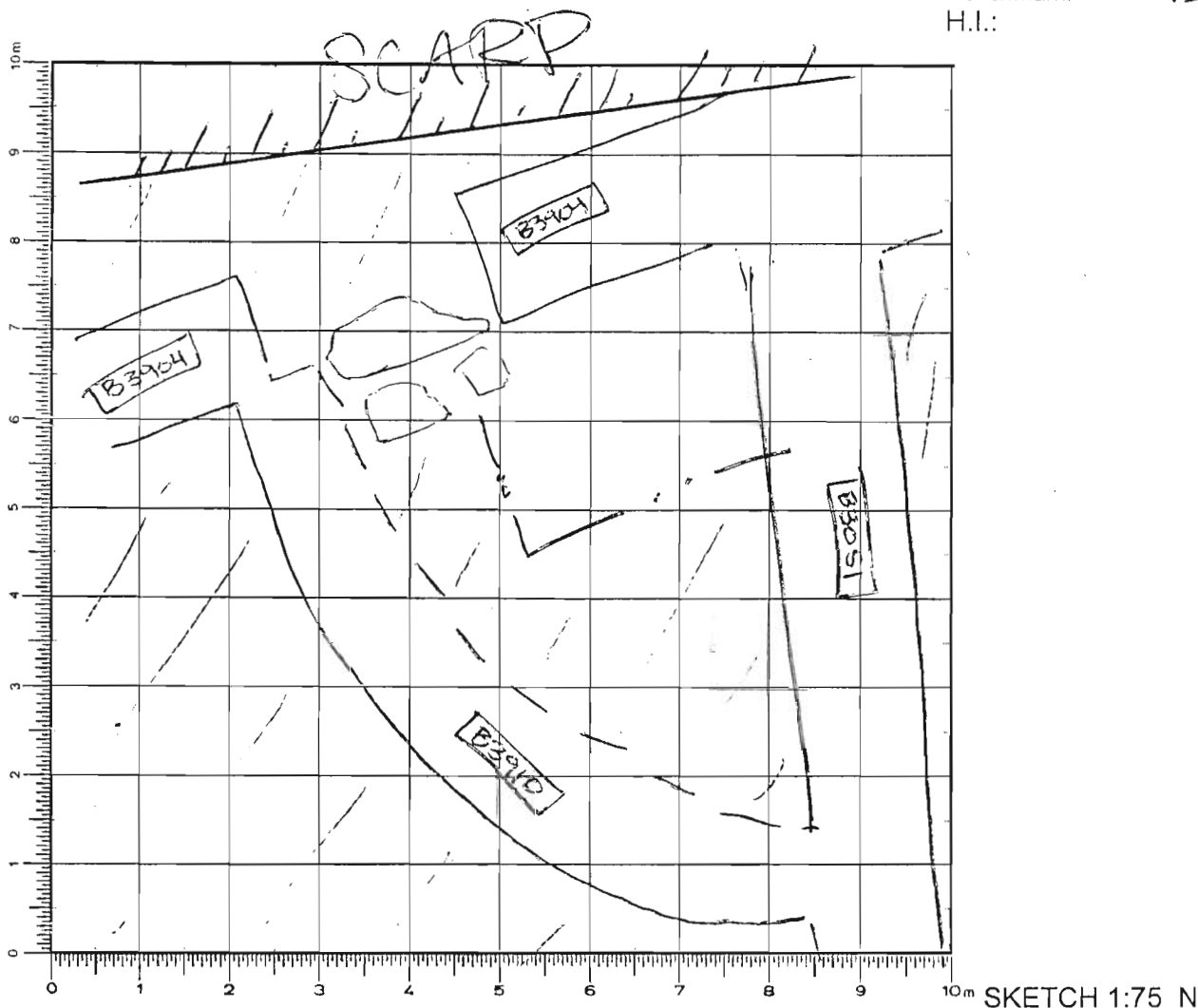


Year 2006 Trench/Locus B3917 Excavator GCP**Elevations**Benchmark used: R20

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372m

H.I.:

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 24 July 06 Locus above: B3915Locus parameters: 21 x 1mVerbal description: red dirt matrix with cobble - ~~matrix~~ same matrix as B3915, but this locus passes beneath wall B3051Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): packing matrix

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus B3917 Excavator GCD

same matrix, under B305

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

24 July

B3917.1 → Another pass, new locus due to relation toward B305 (under foundation). Red packing, matrix the same as former locus (B3915.1). ~~At~~ All screened, a std soil sample is taken. Fine ware present. Bone also present. Possible roofing clay in NE corner?

25 ~~B3917.2~~ July

B3917.2 → one Zambili left from above pit to screen. Bone? pottery found.

Hi 349.952  
 LD 228 + 3.584  
 Δ1 2830 347.128  
 Δ2 2894 347.044

B3917.3 → Next pass - in search of the bottom of wall B3904.

All soil screened, a std soil sample is taken. Yellow clay is uncovered with this pass. This clay appears to be a surface, however it is not very well defined. Around the wall B3904 in the NE corner there is loose soil. ~~It appears~~ It appears bedrock is peeking through in the SE corner, a packing for the wall B3904 in the north. Final pass? in area?!

NT B3904  
 Hi 349.953  
 LD 228 + 3.581 m.  
 Δ1 2895 347.058  
 Δ2 2980 346.973

Surface found

Δ1  
 Δ2  
 Δ3 - packing

LD it appears that the stars grow / upper surface (B3911), as there is rubble beneath them.

LD bottom surface comparable to B3047?

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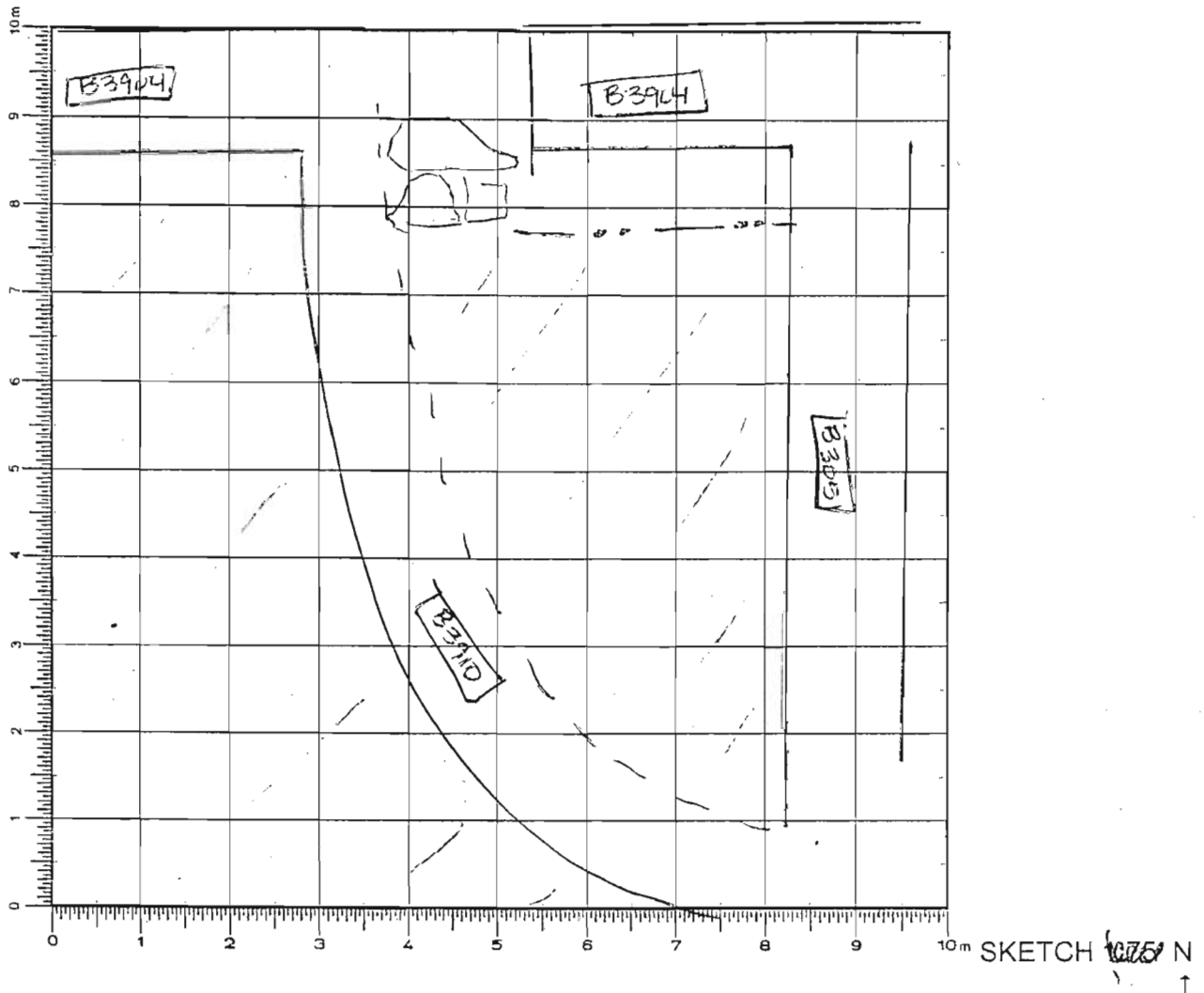
## Elevations

Benchmark used: R28

Reading on

Benchmark: 346.372m

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 25 July 04 Locus above: B3917

Locus parameters: ~3m x 1m

Verbal description: red, rocky soil matrix

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): wall foundation

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus B3918 Excavator GCP

Wall foundation - rocky, red dirt

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

25 July

B3918.1 → Passlaken to remove the foundation trench along B3904. An dirt screened & old soil sample is taken. Wall does not terminate, but delves deeper. Small amounts of bone, & very little pottery. Bedrock is uncovered close to the bottom caused of wall B3904. B3904 delves deeper than the steps go, which appear to be associated with B3911. Start modification in the works!

Screening is extremely unproductive. — no bone.

